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GRAVE DIVERGENCE OF OPINION UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF STUMBLING BLOCK?

TRADE UNION OBJECTS
ECONOMY RATHER THAN NEW
TAXATION.
CONSERVATIVES' VIEW

London, Yesterday.

While the utmost reticence is being observed in quarters acquainted with the nature of the economy proposals, it is evident that a grave divergence of opinion has arisen between the Trade Union General Council and Government.

It is understood that this relates mainly to one of the principal proposals namely, modification of some sort in the unemployment relief system. Modification is not very likely to be a cut in the scale of benefits, but increased contributions.

There is now reason to believe that the proposals did not include tariffs and, therefore, it is significant that four of the five Trade Union delegations to the Cabinet Committee have, on previous occasions, spoken in favour of tariffs and, probably, to-day expressed a preference for tariffs instead of cuts.

"Iron Chancellor." Mr. Snowden is, however, uncompromisingly opposing tariffs. It is understood that the proposals also include restriction of the so-called transitional benefit for unemployed who have exceeded the statutory insurance period.

It is understood that Conservatives are also dissatisfied on the ground that the economies proposed are inadequate to meet the grave situation.

To-day will be another fateful day. A Cabinet meeting takes place at 10 a.m. and then another Three-Party Meeting is to follow further negotiations with Trade Unionists.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer attended a series of conferences to-day at which the broad outlines of the Cabinet's proposals for balancing the Budget were discussed first to Leaders of Opposition Parties in Parliament and later to prominent supporters of the Labour Party.

The Conference with representatives of the Conservative and Liberal Parties had been arranged last week when in preliminary conversations the nature of the emergency was explained to Party Leaders who were given assurances that the Budget would be balanced and that the principle of equality of sacrifices would guide Government in the measures it adopted.

Proposals Considered. In the interval a special Cabinet Economy Committee has made an exhaustive examination of the situation and at meetings of a full Cabinet yesterday proposals advanced for meeting the emergency were fully considered.

Inter-Party Conference. This morning Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden were engaged for two hours with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Samuel Hoare, representing the Conservatives, and Sir Henry Samuel and Sir Donald MacLean on behalf of the Liberals.

A Statement. This afternoon Mr. MacDonald and four of his Cabinet colleagues attended a joint meeting of the Executive of the Labour Party and General Council of Trade Union Congress. A statement issued after the meeting, recorded that the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer

the opinion that the crisis has arisen owing to excessive expenditure. Sir Samuel added that discussions between representatives of the three parties at Downing Street though informal covered the widest field, but they had not yet reached a stage where it was possible to say whether the Conservatives were satisfied or not.

The Cabinet Economy Committee continued its sitting after the departure of the Trade Union Delegation, finally rising at 11.15 p.m. It is presumed the Delegation's objections to Government's proposals were discussed.

After hearing reports made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden of to-day's events the Cabinet adjourned at 9.30 p.m. until 10 a.m. to-morrow.

After the adjournment the Trade Union Congress Deputation conferred with the Cabinet Economy Committee for an hour, and conveyed Congress's views on the Committee's proposals.

The Deputation will report to a meeting of the Trade Union Congress (General Council) to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

The Conservative and Liberal political leaders discussed the economic situation with Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden at Downing Street for nearly two hours to-day, and the conversations are to be resumed to-morrow. A question discussed was the proposed ten per cent. revenue tariff, to which it is known the Liberals are entirely opposed.

The Consultative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party subsequently conferred with the Premier and Chancellor of the Exchequer for an hour.

Labour Party Meeting? At this morning's conference Mr. Stanley Baldwin was absent, and the Conservatives were represented by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Samuel Hoare. The Liberals present were Sir Herbert Samuel and Sir Donald MacLean.

It was anticipated that this three-party conference would conclude in time to permit the Prime Minister to meet the Consultative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party at eleven, but it was not until noon that the Opposition party leaders left Downing Street.

The Consultative Committee was formed to serve as a link in session between the Cabinet and the rank and file of the party. As the committee has had no opportunity of meeting the full party since the publication of the economy report, it is suggested that a Labour Party meeting may be called as a result of to-day's conference.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has been summoned for two o'clock, to be followed one hour later by a joint meeting between the Council and the National Executive of the Labour Party.

Members of the Cabinet will attend this joint meeting, which, it is expected, will complete its business at a further meeting to-morrow.

A Cabinet meeting has been summoned for 8.30 to-night. The Prime Minister hopes that after a further meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow morning, he may be free to resume his holiday. Arrangements have been made for him to fly to Lissieux to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter and British Wireless Service.

Premier Cheerful. Further political arrangements this afternoon comprised a joint meeting of the Cabinet Economy Committee, the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, and the National Executive of the Labour Party, which was followed by separate sessions of the two latter bodies.

MYSTERY ON LINER

THROWN OVER-
BOARD?
FUGIMURA'S FATE
FURTHER SEQUEL
EXPECTED.

New York, Yesterday.

Federal officials now believe that Fugimura was thrown overboard and are confident that further clues will be obtained when the liner Belgenland returns from her cruise to-morrow. The crew will be questioned and the wireless operator will be required to produce copies of messages sent to and received by Fugimura.—Reuter's American Service.

Miss Mildred Harris, former wife of Charlie Chaplin, is among the witnesses being questioned at the enquiry into the disappearance of the Japanese silk merchant, Mr. Fujimura, aboard the Belgenland, says a Reuter message. Apart from the Federal enquiry, the Japanese and British Consuls General are also investigating the matter, and the president of Mr. Fujimura's corporation has offered a reward of \$50,000 for important evidence.

Mr. Fujimura's seven year old daughter was accompanied by a governess, Miss Reiser, a former actress, who states she spent many hours of the fatal night with Miss Mildred Harris. There is also an unknown man in the case, whom Mr. Fujimura is believed to have feared.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER INDISPOSED.

Enters London Nursing
Home.

APPENDICITIS VICTIM.

London, Yesterday.

The Duke of Gloucester is indisposed. He has entered a London nursing home after medical examination. The nature of his illness is not stated.

According to the Daily Mail the Duke of Gloucester's illness has been diagnosed as appendicitis. An operation may be necessary. The latest report says that the Duke is "quite comfortable."

He was at Sandringham on August 11, with H.M. the King and Queen when he felt unwell last Wednesday and returned to London. After a medical examination yesterday he was rushed to Alford House, the Countess of Carnarvon's nursing home in Portland Place.—Reuter.

Members of the conference looked cheerful after the meeting.

Mr. Arthur Hayday, the Labour M.P. told Reuter that discussions between the Premier and the Consultative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party held this morning, had finally concluded.

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Washington, Yesterday.

The Farm Board has replied to the enquiry of the Chinese Government in regard to the quantity of wheat available on credit, that the Grain Stabilisation Corporation will gladly negotiate a sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat for the relief of the flood victims.

The question of payment has not yet been considered, but Mr. Stone, the chairman, assures that it will be on the basis of direct obligation on the part of the Chinese Government.

The sale price will be the market price on the day of shipment, and Mr. Stone said that probably it would be stipulated that the wheat should be only used to relieve victims of the flood.—Reuter's American Service.

AGREEMENT FOR ZINC CONTROL.

Adapt Production to
Consumption.

PRODUCERS' OBJECTS.

Paris, Yesterday.

At a meeting of representatives of a group, comprising the international cartel of zinc producers, it was reported that the agreement which had been reached at Ostend on June 11, had been ratified by all the participating countries and had been operated from August 1.

The object of the agreement is to regulate production so that present stocks be speedily absorbed and adapt future production to consumption.

The production capacity of the countries in cartel which amounts to 1,123,000 tons annually, represents 97 per cent. of the capacity of European and other producers, excluding the United States.—Reuter.

OUTRAGE BY CUBAN AEROPLANE.

Danish Ship Machine-
Gunned.

ALSO BOMBED.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Danish steamer Fredricksborg has wirelessed to the Navy Department saying that a Cuban aeroplane dropped a bomb near her and machine-gunned her.

No other details of the incident are given, except that the incident occurred in Cuban waters.—Reuter.

POISON GAS SEQUEL.

Big Fines for Company
Directors.

MEUSE VALLEY TRAGEDY.

Brussels, Yesterday.

A sequel to the poison gas deaths of 75 persons in the Meuse Valley last December is the heavy fines imposed on a managing director and a director of a chemical works in the Liege district for allowing the escape of poison gases from their works.—Reuter.

KWONGSANG'S DASH FOR SHELTER

SEEN ANCHORED IN LEE
OF AN ISLAND

"GONE IN THE MORNING"

MYSTERY OF EUROPEAN
SURVIVOR

Further messages received this morning from the Commander of H.M.S. Sepoy, whilst shedding considerable light upon the tragic wreck of the s.s. Kwongsang, contain no confirmation of the previous report that a European ship's officer escaped from the typhoon's havoc.

A message yesterday said that three survivors were seen alive eight days ago in the hands of armed pirates in the bay between Feilon Island and Good Ridge point. One of them was said to be a European.

It is now stated that three Tientsin Chinese, names unknown, were washed up alive from the wreck, at a village to the south-west of Feilon Island. They appear to have proceeded overland to a place called Santu on August 17 (Monday last). The fact that these men were Northern Chinese of tall stature, with an accent unintelligible to the local inhabitants, appears to have led to the rumour that one of them may have been a foreigner, says the message.

TERRIFIC STORM

It is known that the Kwongsang was carrying race ponies, carried, the bodies and wreckage from Shanghai, scheduled to take over the south side. Conceivably, part in the Macao Meeting. It also, the wind changed during the night of Sunday, August 9, thus three men were mafoos accompanying the ponies.

An account by an eye-witness, considered to be quite unassailable, and contained in a second message, describes the sinking of the vessel in most graphic manner. It says that a red-funnelled ship answering to the description of the Kwongsang anchored at 6.30 in the evening of August 9, (Sunday) in a position in Lat. 26.57 North, Long. 120.19 East, visible from Sugar Loaf Island.

At 8 o'clock that night the ship was still anchored there, with all her lights burning brightly. During the middle watch the typhoon reached its height, and when the visibility cleared at about eight o'clock the next morning the ship was gone.

Might Have Sunk in the Bay.

It has been learned that there are numerous horses, sheep, and human bodies on the south shore of Funging Bay, and as the wind at the time was in the north-east, it appears possible that the Kwongsang sank in the entrance to the bay. (The Kwongsang was known to be carrying "live-stock" as part of the cargo).

The Commander of H.M.S. Sepoy concludes by stating that he intends to search the shore. He was anchored last night at Sansha.

Ran for Shelter. One fact that seems to emerge from these messages is that the captain of the Kwongsang, clearly realising his danger, ran before the gale, anchoring in the lee of Fuyuan Island. There he took what shelter he could. But during the night the typhoon gained in intensity, culminating in a terrific storm during the small hours of Monday morning.

The dramatic account states that at 8 a.m. "the ship was gone." The presumption is that the vessel was blown away, in spite of her anchors, and was sunk at a point a few miles further south or south-west.

Yesterday's message said that the vessel was seen to sink in the neighbourhood of Chupai Pass, a narrow neck to the south-west of Fuyuan Island. The report to-day would indicate that she actually went down a few miles further in, in the entrance to Funging Bay, on the north-east, it appears possible that the Kwongsang sank in the entrance to Funging Bay. It is known that the Kwongsang was carrying a deck cargo of horses. I propose searching this shore to-morrow, Friday.



ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"CRAZY THAT WAY."

Joan Bennett, concerning whose ability to act picture "fans" are at variance, is to be seen in the feature-film of a good programme now showing at the Queen's Theatre. "Crazy That Way" will be on the screen until Saturday, and all who want to be amused and entertained ought not to miss it.

The "eternal triangle" gives place in this story to a "square," for there are three men striving for one girl's affection. The scenes are lively—in the case of the fight between two of the suitors for the girl's hand, perhaps, too lively, and unrealistic—and the dialogue sparkles with good things.

Joan Bennett is not vivacious; she is decidedly restrained and subdued in her interpretation of a charming society girl with a penchant for collecting scalps. But it seems that by just her restraint she confounds those who hold she cannot act.

"Crazy That Way" is not shot with tragedy. It is essentially light and pleasing comedy.

"ANNA CHRISTIE."

The second appearance of "Anna Christie" has proved a great drawing card at the Star Theatre, and anyone who missed the initial showing should take this opportunity of seeing Greta Garbo in her greatest role. Hailed in America as one of the finest pictures of the year, we can only endorse that opinion.

From Other Sources.

"QUICK MILLIONS."

Not so many years ago a picture was made that brought the players of its three principal roles instantly into the limelight. The picture was the silent "Tol'able David." The players were Richard Barthelmess, Ernest Torrence and Warner Richmond.

Richmond, who has a strong part in the Fox production, "Quick Millions," which is daily attracting crowds to the King's Theatre, is a Virginian.

For years he was a well known figure on the Broadway stage. He can handle any type of role. With the advent of the talkies his trained voice made him additionally valuable.

Among Richmond's various characterisations have been performances in "Tol'able David," "Slide, Kelly, Slide," "Men With-out Women," "Chicago" and "Strictly Modern."

Spencer Tracy, recent Broadway star of "The Last Mile," and who scored a sensational success in his first picture, "Up The River," has the principal role in "Quick Millions." Marguerite Churchill has the leading feminine role, while others, prominently cast, include Sally Eilers, John Wray, Robert Burns, Warner Richmond and George Raff. Rowland Brown co-authored the story with Courtenay Terrett and also directed. Brown was the author of "The Doorway To Hell."

"BAD SISTER."

Marking the screen debut of two actresses from the New York stage and another strong role in the hands of one of the most popular leading men in motion pictures, "Bad Sister," a sparkling comedy drama produced by Universal opens

an engagement at the Central Theatre to-day.

Sidney Fox and Bette Davis are the two girls in question, and both give promise of successful screen careers. Miss Fox plays the leading feminine role of Marianne, a spoiled, selfish daughter of small town parents, and Miss Davis is seen as her far more worthy sister.

The man in the case is Conrad Nagel, who can always be depended upon for a pleasing, capable performance, and it may be said that he has never appeared to better advantage than in "Bad Sister." Zasu Pitts, as a combative servant in the household of the Madison family, is a positive delight in a characterisation which is at the same time funny and very true to life, and Slim Summerville also adds greatly since it also includes such favourites as Bert Rouch, Charles Winninger, Emma Dunn and Humphrey Bogart.

Robert Henley directed "Bad Sister" and he has turned out a picture which is in every way good entertainment. The original story was written by Booth Tarkington, with screen adaptation by Tom Reed and Raymond L. Schrock.

"THE LAWYER'S SECRET."

Collecting its cast of stars was the chief early difficulty in the filming of the dramatic James Hilary Finn story, "The Lawyer's Secret," in which Clive Brook, Charles Rogers, Richard Arlen, Fay Wray, and Jean Arthur have the leading roles.

Rogers was assigned to the production as soon as the story was ready for filming in Hollywood. Book, however, cast for the leading role, was at the New York studio of the Paramount company, completing his work with Tallulah Bankhead in "Tarnished Lady." Arlen was busy in a stirring role for "Caught," a Western drama in which Louis Dresser is cast. Filming of "The Lawyer's Secret" was delayed until these players could take up their work.

Rogers was assigned to the cast of "The Lawyer's Secret" immediately following a personal appearance tour and a European vacation. The handsome young favourite takes his first step into the realm of dramatic acting in this story of a lawyer's fight to remain true to his professional ethics against his duty as a man. The action is complicated by his love for Fay Wray, sister of Rogers whom he is compelled to protect.

"The Lawyer's Secret" which will show on Sunday at the King's Theatre is an original story by Finn, a Los Angeles newspaper man. Max Marcin and Louis Gasnier directed the picture. Marcin recently worked with Frank Tuttle on "No Limit," the Clara Bow farce-comedy. Gasnier's latest work was with George Kukur in "The Virtuous Sin." Gasnier and Marcin, together made the picture, "Shadow of the Law," with William Powell in the starring role. "The Lawyer's Secret," with its powerful cast of starring players, marks another step forward in the development of moving picture entertainment, the insistence that every part be portrayed by the best talent obtainable.

"FAIR WARNING."

The cast presenting "Fair Warning," Fox Movietone outdoor romance, coming to the Central Theatre on Sunday, was selected with particular reference to types and, in all, there are close to 200 of them in the picture.

George O'Brien, whose "Lone Star Ranger" and "Last of the Duanes" are outstanding screen successes, is featured and Louise Huntington, a beautiful as well as talented young woman from the New York stage, enacts the leading

feminine role. Other principals are Mitchell Harris, George Brent and Nat Pendleton, while John Sheehan, Erwin Connolly, Willard Robertson, Alphonse Ethier and Ernest Adams are other favourites in the cast.

"Fair Warning," adapted from Max Brand's widely read story, "The Untamed," tells the story of an untamed young man of the wide open spaces who possesses an uncanny influence over wild things, an ability to shoot straight and to fight with his fists. Because he is primitive, he does not understand the ways of men nor of women, but he is quick to learn and, after revenging himself on his enemies, finally turns to romance and finds happiness.

The picture was directed by Alfred L. Werker, who made "Double Cross Roads" and "Last of the Duanes." The adaptation for the screen was made by Ernest L. Pascal, well-known novelist and noted dramatist.

"TAILOR-MADE MAN."

Playing opposite William Haines seems to be one way of becoming well known on the screen.

Joan Crawford, who played opposite the comedian in "West Point" and "The Duke Steps Out," is now a star in her own right. Lella Hyams, who last scored with Haines in "The Girl Said No" and "Way Out West," and Anita Page, who was seen with him in "Speedway" and "Navy Blues," are now two of the foremost feminine players on the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer roster.

Haines' newest leading woman is the charming Dorothy Jordan, who will be remembered as the waterfront wail of "Min and Bill." She has the leading feminine role in "A Tailor Made Man," coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

TSETSE FLY-TRAP.

Sir Ronald Ross, the scientist, whose discovery that malaria is transmitted by mosquitoes has saved thousands of lives, regards as extremely valuable the demonstration which has been carried out in Zululand by Mr. R. H. Harris, an entomologist, of catching tsetse flies in traps.

These flies, besides causing great mortality among cattle, are carriers for sleeping sickness germs. Sir Ronald Ross said to a reporter: "It should be possible, if the thing is done systematically and on a sufficiently large scale, to reduce the numbers of tsetse flies so very considerably that the effect would soon be observed in a reduction in the amount of sleeping sickness."

The tsetse fly has up to the present time kept many parts of Africa in an awful state, and it ought to be stamped out, no matter what may be the cost.

Sir Ronald pointed out that tsetse flies were not nearly so common as mosquitoes and should therefore be much easier to deal with.

The terrible disease of sleeping sickness is carried by them after they have bitten and sucked the blood of animals which have bitten and sucked the blood of animals which have been attacked by parasitic trypanosomes which cause the disease.

Obviously, then, the fever tsetse flies left to act as carriers the less sleeping sickness there will be.

10-10.28 p.m.—Band Selections.

The Yellow and Blue (Gayley-Baile), The Victors (Louis Elbel), University of Michigan Band and (1927).
The Blank Horse Troop (Souza), The National Game (Souza), Sousa's Band (1924).
"Lights Out" March (McGoy), National Emblem March (Bagley), Arthur Pryor's Band (1924).
Electric March (Cretore), American Army March (Jassell), Cretore's Band (1924).
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.30-6 p.m.—The Second of a Series of Lectures on "The Scientific Explanation of Common Natural Phenomena" by Mr. I. T. Pun, B.Sc.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7.05-7.47 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—Honey-moon Waltz, Sweet Blue Bird, Green Brothers' Marimba Orchestra (10561).

Whistling Solo—Tout Passe, Listen to the Mocking Bird, Margaret McKee (19894).

Piano Solo—The World is Waiting for the Sunrise, Dorothy Frank Banta (21821).

Nightingales, Dawn in an Old World Garden, Actually Recorded in Entrance Harrison's Garden, Oxford, England (20938).

Song—Sleepy Time Gal, Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue, Gene Austin, Tenor (19899).

Banjo Solo—St. Louis Blues, The Doll Dance, Eddie Peabody & His Banjo (20698).

7.47-8 p.m.—Operatic.
Band—Trovatore—Anvil Chorus (Verdi), Arthur Pryor's Band (19739).

Song—Rigoletto—Mid the Fair Throng (Verdi), Enrico Caruso, Tenor (500).

Chorus—Faust—Soldier's Chorus (Gounod), Victor Male Chorus (19739).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.03-8.17 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Three O'clock in the Morning, The Missouri Waltz, Irene Frederick—Al Mason (Hawaiian Guitars) (20965).

In the Heart of Hawaii, My Honolulu Dream Girl, Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (19636).

8.17-8.45 p.m.—Orchestral.
Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Shilkret), Warbling at Eve (Richards), Victor Salon Orch. (19849).

Polka, Kirilloff's Russian Balalaika Orchestra (19776).

Hungarian Dance No. 1 (Brahms), Spanish Dance (Bizet), Philadelphia Symphony Orch. (1113).

Spanish Caprice (Rimsky-Korsakow), San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (1185).

8.45-9.35 p.m.—Concert Items.
Piano Solo—Nadia (Delibes-Dohnanyi), A Dream of Love (Liszt), Wilhelm Bachaus (6582).

Song—Simonetta (White-Rumbold), The Little Damsel (Weatherly-Novello), Luciezia Bori, Soprano (1192).

Cymbalom Dance No. 5 (Brahms), Csardas (Hungarian Dance) (Hubay) ... Feri Sarkozl (20841).

Male Chorus—The Bells of St. Mary's (Furber-Adams), John Peel (arr. Andrews), Associated Glee Clubs of America (18961).

Piano Solo—To Spring (Grieg), Myrtle C. Eaver (22155).

Song—Kathleen Mavourneen (Crawford-Crouch), The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls (Thomas Moore), The Silver-Masked Tenor (1916).

Violin Solo—Rose in the Bud (Forster), One Little Dream of Love (Gordon), Renee Chemet (1132).

9.35-10 p.m.—Organ Solos.
Because ... Jesse Crawford (20663).

Cherie, I Love You, Ting-a-Ling ... Jesse Crawford (20203).

Always ... Jesse Crawford (20000).

In a Little Spanish Town, Just a Bird's-Eye View of my Old Kentucky Home, Jesse Crawford (20458).

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Quick Millions." Theatre;
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Crazy That Way." Theatre;
To-day—Central Theatre;
"Bad Sister." Theatre;
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"Framed." Theatre;
To-day—Star Theatre;
"Anna Christie." Theatre.

Lammert's Auctions.
August 25—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

August 21, 25-26—At King's Silk Store, 16, D'Aguiar Street, stock-in-trade, 10 a.m. daily.

Meetings.
August 31—Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

August 31—Hong Kong Development Building and Savings Society, City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Home Mails.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Col di Lana); Outward for Europe via Suez (Fushimi Maru) 9.30 a.m. via Siberia (President Madison), 5 p.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Concert.
August 28—Promenade Concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

Land Sales.
August 24—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

POETRY OF MOTION.

Value of Ballet Exercises.

Dryden spoke of dancing as the "poetry of the foot." But perhaps a more suitable description would be the "poetry of motion," because good dancing reveals a grace of perfect movement which is not confined to the feet alone.

Dancing exercises many muscles which might otherwise remain unused; for the good of the general health, it is well that each muscle should have its quota of exercise.

When I speak of dancing, I mean the real thing; not the travesties that masquerade under the name of dancing, such as the listless "walks" or the Negro "wiggles" which have their brief spells of popularity. The latter, from the exercise point of view, are preferable to the former, but they are so ungraceful that even this small value is discounted.

Ballet Exercises.
Some years ago it was discovered that many of the free movements which have to be mastered by the ballet dancer were those required to set right certain bone and joint deformities. These deformities are common in childhood, by reason of weak muscles or ungainly ways of sitting and standing.

A school Medical Officer arranged for a number of children to undergo a course of these adapted ballet exercises, with such gratifying results that now both adults and children are being successfully treated by this method.

A very interesting point is that not only was the malformation rectified in the "tested" cases, but the children's teachers reported in almost every instance there was a marked improvement in brain work.

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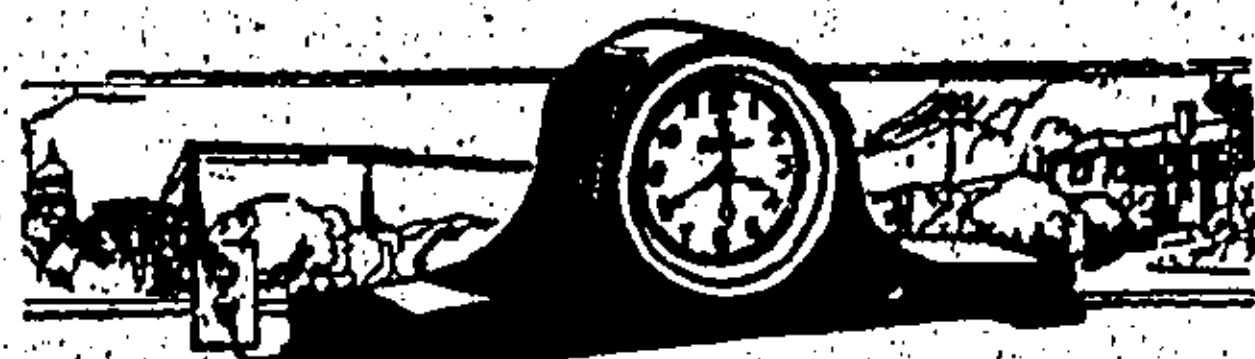
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PING PONG LEAGUE RESULTS.

South China Win in Senior Division.

NINE MATCHES.

Senior Division
Keung Wah Club beat Hip Keung Club 28 to 7.
South China "A" beat Congregation Assn. 20 to 15.
Junior Division
Ying Nin Club beat Ming Tak Assoc. 23 to 12.
Catholic Club beat South China "Girls" 19 to 16.
Yee Wo Ath. beat Kung Lee Club 29 to 6.
Fukien Ath. beat University 29 to 6.
South China "B" beat Tai Tung College 29 to 6.
Hin Kun School beat Kung Lee Club 25 to 10.
Congregation Assoc. beat Eastern Assoc. 25 to 10.

K.B.G.C. & RECREIO BOWLS TEAMS.

TO-MORROW'S GAME.

The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their League matches against the Club de Recreio to-morrow, weather permitting:
1st Team (away) at 3.30 p.m.:—
S. Eccleshall, G. H. Sherriff, H. Nish, and Russell (Skip).
G. J. Chambers, T. Ferguson, T. S. West, and D. F. Warren (Skip).
G. N. Mitchell, R. S. Nichol, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).
Reserve: J. McIntosh.

2nd Team (home) at 3.30 p.m.:—
H. F. Stoneham, J. S. Logan, W. E. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).
C. S. Beat, G. E. F. Thompson, H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).
F. V. Whitta, J. G. Meyer, F. L. Rapley, and V. Petherick (Skip).
Reserve: W. Venables.
Recreio Teams.
The Club de Recreio teams for to-morrow are:
1st Team (on the Recreio green) at 3.30 p.m.:—
A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).
C. H. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. E. Marques, and L. A. Gutierrez (Skip).
Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. Lopes, A. C. V. Ribeiro, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

2nd Team (on the K.B.G.C. green) at 3.30 p.m.:—
E. L. Barros, J. M. S. Rosario, A. E. S. Alves, and J. G. Ozeilo (Skip).
F. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).
J. E. Noronha, F. A. Machado, H. Rozario, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).
Electric R.C.
The following will represent the H.K. Electric R.C. team (home) v. Yacht Club at 3.30 p.m.:—
A. P. Tarbut, G. Thomson, S. Deacon, and W. E. Muskett (Skip).
J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, D. S. Hill, and A. F. Paul (Skip).
J. Sloan, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett, and J. F. Lunny (Skip).
Reserves: H. S. McKay, and W. Stoker.

LAPSLEY DEFEATS SILVA.

First Round of Open Singles Tourney.

Playing in the first round of the Lawn Bowls Open Singles Championship R. Lapsley (Kowloon Dock) eliminated F. X. M. Silva (Recreio) by 21 shots to 14. Silva held the lead up to the seventeenth end, and the next four heads saw the pair struggling hard with Lapsley holding a slight advantage. A 4 and a 3 on the last two heads, however, gave Lapsley a comfortable victory.
F. Cullen (Kowloon Dock) met G. N. Mitchell (also Kowloon Dock) on the green of the Club de Recreio and won rather easily. He now meets Oswald (G.S.C.C.) or C. G. Silva (Club de Recreio).

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Division I.—Taikoo R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Division II.—Craigengower C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreio; Electric R.C. v. Yacht Club.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day—
Middlesex v. Derbyshire at Lord's.
Sussex v. Lancashire at Eastbourne.
Kent v. Worcestershire at Dover.
Essex v. Notts at Southend.
Somerset v. Surrey at Taunton.
Gloucestershire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham.
Northamptonshire v. Yorkshire at Northampton.
To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday.
Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's.
Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval.
Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bournemouth.
Sussex v. Worcestershire at Eastbourne.
Essex v. New Zealand at Southend.
Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire at Gloucester.
Notts v. Lancashire at Nottingham.
Derbyshire v. Glamorgan at Chesterfield.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day and To-morrow—U.S. Ladies' Championships at Forest Hills.
ATHLETICS—To-morrow—England v. Italy at Stamford Bridge.
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Scottish League Programme.

GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning on Sunday:
9.20 a.m. R. C. Law, W. N. Buyers.
9.24 " J. H. Anderson, W. C. Shields.
9.28 " A. Reid, D. J. Gilmore.
9.32 " A. C. J. Bowker, F. S. Thomson.
9.36 " A. Leach, W. R. Vallance.
9.40 " O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.

C. K. NAIDU HITS HIS FIRST CENTURY.

12 Sixes and 18 Boundaries!

WINS THE MATCH.

C. K. Naidu, the brilliant Indian all-rounder, is on his first visit to Britain on a holiday, and is acting captain of the Indian Gymkhana. In a recent match Brackwell, a strong side, including Bakewell, the young All-England player, and Timms, of Northants, played against the Gymkhana at Osterley Park. Brackwell made 250 runs of which Bakewell scored 109 and Timms 51.
Left with two hours to win, the Gymkhana made the required amount for the loss of only one wicket, thanks to a brilliant innings of 171 not out by Naidu. He put 12 sixes and 18 fours into the making of his runs. This was Naidu's first century in England, his previous best scores being 92, 78, and 52.
D. S. Senanayake, the old Thomian cricketer, gave Naidu every assistance, playing a capital unbeaten innings of 61.

LINDRUM RATTLES UP 2,609 BREAK.

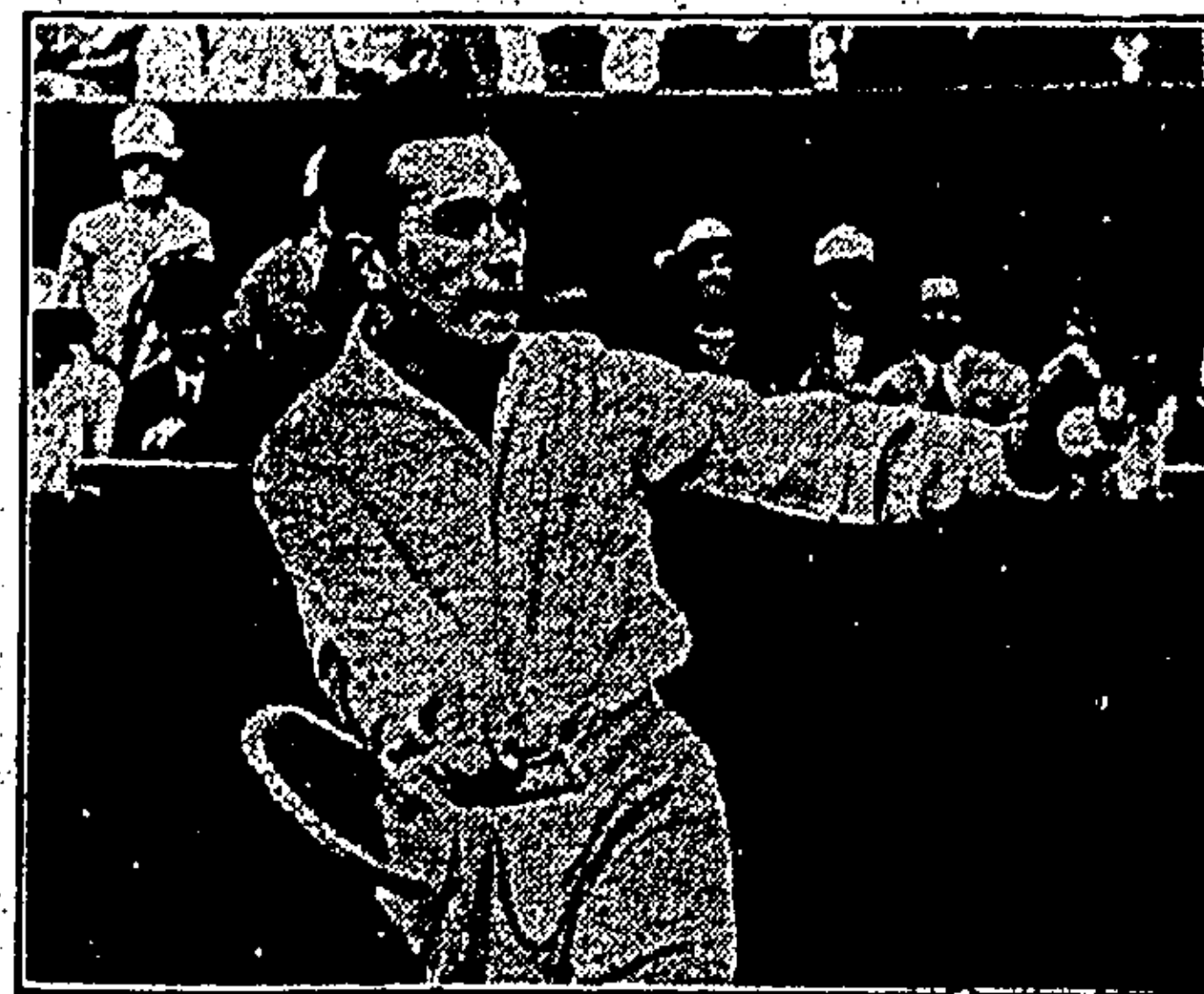
Australian Wizard Robs Smith of His Record.

SPECTACULAR RUN.

The outstanding feature of play in the final sessions of the Lindrum-Newman exhibition in Myer Emporium, Adelaide, was the rapid collection of a spectacular run of 2,609 by Lindrum, who thus created an Australian record.

In attaching another record to his belt of records, Lindrum has taken from Willie Smith about the only record he had to his credit, i.e., a 2,030 made against Clark McConchy in the Y.M.C.A. concert hall in August, 1929. In two years Lindrum has made 200 four-figure breaks.

COCHET TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL.



Henri Cochet, world's ranking amateur tennis player, who almost single-handedly defended the Davis Cup against Great Britain, has announced that he has planned to become a professional in the middle of September.

Soon after the end of the challenge round of the Davis Cup tournament last year, Cochet received an attractive offer from Jack Carley, New York sports promoter, to join his troupe of professional players, but the French star gave him the wrong answer, declaring that he intended to play once more in defence of the Davis Cup.

Now that he has done his bit in keeping the trophy in France for another year Cochet finally has succumbed to the lure of the dollar sign and has announced his intention of deserting the amateur ranks and playing for hard cash instead of cups, medals and other tokens of amateurism, says the Manila Tribune. He will probably compete for the world's professional championship against Bill Tilden, Frank Hunter, Karel Kozeluh, Vincent Richards and other professional stars.

Cochet's decision is a deathblow to France's hope to win the Davis Cup in 1932 as Cochet is virtually the whole team. With Lacoste apparently out of the international matches for good and Borotra no longer the great bounding Basque of old, France will have a hard time repelling either the American or British drive next year. Jacques Brugnon has never been a great player, while Christian Bonassus and Pierre Landry have yet to show championship calibre for them to fill the shoes of Cochet and Lacoste.

An encounter between Cochet and Tilden should draw a record crowd. The two have been keen rivals for a long time, with the Frenchman having the better of the dual encounters. At Wimbledon and in the Davis Cup matches, Cochet has taken the measure of the American star except once, in the 1927 challenge round.

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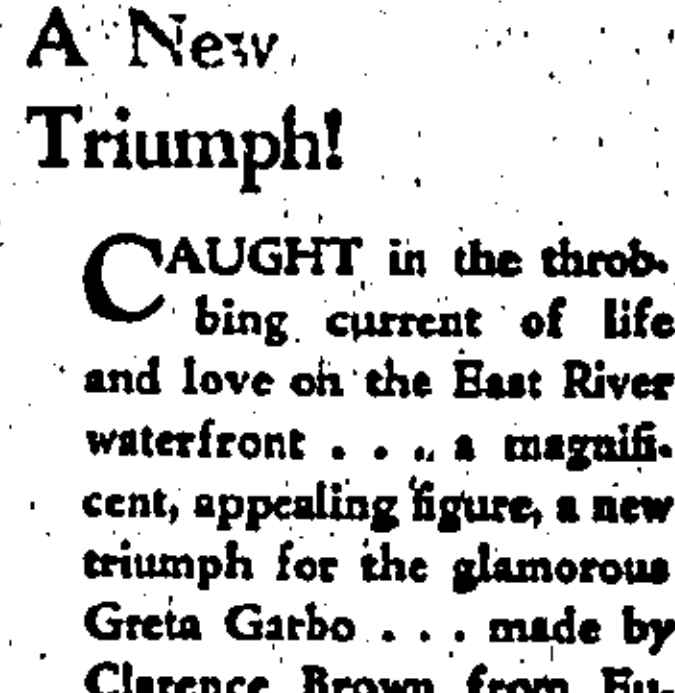


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STEEL SHAFTS IN GOLF

WILL HICKORY COME BACK TO FAVOUR?

By HARRY VARDON

There seems to be the impression that steel-shafted golf clubs have reached the peak of their popularity in Britain, where they were made legal just under two years ago.

I suppose this is true in the sense that at least four players out of every five must have had steel shafts fitted to their wooden-headed clubs; but whether it means that a reaction is now setting in in favour of hickory is another question.

It can be said that steel shafts have given new hope, and therefore help, to legions of handicap players without affording any corresponding advantage to the golfers of outstanding skill. A famous ex-champion, who will have none but hickory shafts, pointed out to me the other day one of the difficulties in the way of their revival for drivers and the other clubs with wooden heads.

Difficult to Obtain. "It is a job to get hickory drivers even now," he declared. "They are not being made." It is perfectly true that, while the wooden shaft is still the favourite associate of the iron head (because it is less jarring than metal joined to metal), manufacturers and professionals all over the country have been so busy fitting steel shafts to wooden heads that there has been little time to think about hickory for this purpose.

Nor, I suppose, has there been much incentive. Hundreds of thousands of steel-shafted drivers, brasses, and spoons must have been on order during the past year. One professional who employs several assistants remarked to me: "We're no longer club makers; we're blacksmiths." The golfer who wants a new driver thinks only in terms of steel. To suggest that he should have a wooden shaft would be like recommending a sailing ship as the most effective way of crossing the Atlantic.

Imagination's Magic. Golf being a game which, more than any other, makes its votary the creature of his own fancy, it is conceivable that time will bring a widespread desire for the return of hickory-shafted drivers. Every player knows how often there is wonderful stimulus and an aid to excellence in a change of equipment.

Frequently a new club will produce shots commensurate with the ability which the struggler always felt was in him, and which had been blurred only by "implements singularly ill-adapted to the purpose." Sometimes a club borrowed from a friend will do it. Many great strokes, and even record rounds, have been accomplished

with clubs lent for the occasion because the player, not intending to engage in golf, had arrived without any.

Re-Converted to Hickory. The golfing life is rich in stories of these episodes, and they incite speculation as to what the convert to steel shafts would think now if, having no driver, somebody accommodated him with one of hickory. He might say: "This is a dreadful thing," or he might discover that he liked its springiness. Probably his conviction would be dictated entirely by the way in which he happened to be hitting the ball. If he chanced to be striking it truly, I dare say he would be from that round a man re-converted to hickory.

Meanwhile, the steel shaft holds the field as a club for driving, and it is interesting to hear opinions as to why people like it. One player, who has a short handicap, explained to me the other day: "I can't get so far with it, but I can keep straighter." Another declared that it had increased the length of his best tee shots by ten yards. Indeed, there is a pretty wide divergence of opinion as to the exact nature of its merits.

Keeps Shots Straighter.

The one thing certain is that it does something that handicap players like. My own observations convince me that this something consists of keeping the shots straighter; certainly not making them longer, which was the virtue originally claimed for the steel shaft. Early in its reign these were tales of people driving 30 yards farther with it than they had been wont to drive with hickory. The magic which so often comes of a change may have produced in them a swing of wondrous rhythm and acceleration. Very likely the increased distance was half-truth derived from the working of the imagination on the swing, and the rest just imagination.

At any rate, I think that the effect has died down considerably, and that nobody would claim now to be hitting the ball appreciably farther than he used to do, writes Harry Vardon in The Sports Dispatch. There is reason, however, in the statement that the shots fly straighter. The steel shaft does not twist in the swing so much as hickory. Consequently, the handicap golfer who places the face of his club squarely to the ball in the address may expect, when he uses steel, that it will return to that position when the shaft is of that fairly whippy hickory which is usually selected for drivers.

Champions Like Hickory.

So far as my inquiries show, the really great players regard steel as a disadvantage rather than a help, because they feel that they cannot obtain the same spin on the ball as with hickory. This, again, is

ENGLAND THIRD SAYS GOOGLY BOWLER.

Australia and South Africa Foremost.

TEST RIVALRY.

"With Australia and South Africa competing for cricket supremacy, we might say that England and New Zealand are fighting for third place," says A. A. Malley, the famous Australian cricketer, in the Sydney Sun. "Malley commends England's sporting spirit in granting extra Tests to the New Zealanders. He expects that the visitors will put up just as good a fight as in the first. Whatever the outcome of these Tests, he says, Australians will have to consider New Zealand more seriously, which may lead to a regular exchange of teams."

"England is raking the field for bowlers," says the Sydney Morning Herald, "and the two extra Tests awarded to New Zealand will help England in her problems of reconstruction, as well as helping New Zealand."

"We here have the same problems as England, and we are seeking constructional aid from the tour of the South Africans in Australia. Australia welcomes the gesture of the English cricket authorities towards her sister Dominion."

It is thought that the South African tour of Australia will be a financial success, in spite of depression.

clearly a matter of the different degrees of torsion.

But it is the privilege of only the very few to control a club-head at the end of a springy shaft. By means of it, they impart those slice spins, pull spins, top spins, and under spins which are far beyond the capacities of the multitude. Of the sixteen players in the Walter Cup match last year, nine used hickory drivers. They were: Bobby Jones, George von Elm, R. H. Wethered, C. J. H. Tolley, Sir Ernest Holder, Rex Hartley, T. A. Torrance, J. A. Stout, and W. Campbell.

It has to be said that first-class players have one extraneous reason for remaining faithful to hickory. They can always be sure of obtaining good shafts of it, which is not the case where the handicap armies are concerned.

CAPT. DAVIS PIONEER OF AVIATION.

Completes His Million Miles at Brooklands

FOUR AIRMEN CELEBRATE.

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The last of the million miles was flown when Captain H. D. Davis, A.F.C., Captain E. A. Jones, Mr. G. E. Lowdell, A.F.M., and Mr. S. A. Thorn, flew round the Brooklands track to celebrate their aggregate flying miles.

The four airmen took off from Brooklands and flew five times round the aerodrome. Then, 1,000,000 miles having been accomplished, they came to earth and toasted the occasion in lemonade.

Captain Davis began flying in the times of Colonel Cody. He is a pioneer of aviation who came through the war unscathed and received the Air Force Cross.

Captain Jones, after serving through the war, became an R.A.F. instructor. He has made fifty forced landings without an accident.

Mr. Lowdell, who earned the Air Force medal in the war, is an instructor in a civil flying school. The fourth and youngest member of the quartet, Mr. S. A. Thorn, only began flying after the war, but has covered 125,000 miles through the air without a crash or accident of any kind.

The four airmen, having completed their million miles and finished their lemonade, decided to celebrate their next aggregate of a million flying miles at some future date.

"Hold it and loose it," as we say in the jargon of the field. If you have men in your team who know how to hold the ball and get rid of it at the proper moment, after drawing the defence, Soccer is one of the easiest games under the sun. —Andy Wilson.

Every Rugby player knows the extreme importance of following the ball with the eyes. Now I lay equal emphasis on following the ball with the legs—by which I mean "backing up" and "following up." —I. M. B. Stuart.

PERRY ON TENNIS CROWDS.

Shower of Cushions in America.

EFFECT ON PLAYER.

When I think about lawn tennis crowds from the view-point of the player there comes at once into my mind the vivid picture of cushions, a shower of cushions, hurtling on to a centre court from the grandstands, says F. J. Perry in a home paper.

The curious deluge fell on one of the two "show" courts at Forest Hills, New York, after the defeat of Jean Borotra by Berkeley Bell in the American Championship last Autumn. It was merely the crowd's little way of expressing exuberance.

On the adjoining court John Van Ryn, fortunately for him, was having an easy match. It would have been all the same had the score there been 6—11 in the final set. The cushions, carelessly aimed, fell on both courts and play was held up for several minutes until they were cleared away.

I mention the incident as illustrating the appreciation of the American gallery when the play is of the "firework" variety—as it was on that occasion. The people there go to see "fireworks." If they are satisfied they let the players know, as they did that day in this amusing fashion.

Do you who come to Wimbledon realize how you, as a crowd, can help or hinder a player; can turn the issues of a close struggle?

"SPEED KINGS" RISKS.

Mr. Turner's Adventure On Wrecked Car.

Eyes at this moment are riveted upon Captain Malcolm Campbell, who is trying a new course for his famous car on the banks of the Salt Lake at Utah, and Mr. Philip Turner, the well-known racer, who recently at Cowes, in a craft weighing only 70 lb was making a promising attempt to eclipse the record for outboard motors when he ran on a sand bank and damaged his craft in a fog. When found by rescuers after two hours he was calmly bailing out water and in imminent risk of drowning.

WHAT IS A SPORTSMAN?

FELLOW WHO DOES THINGS.

At Cambridge the other day I was inquiring after a man who had rowed with me in the Clare boat. "I should let him alone if I were you," I was advised. "His life is now one long grouse and scowl. Fity. He used to be such a sportsman and such a cheery soul."—And there you have the whole philosophy of a human history, writes C. J. Catcliffe-Hyne.

Very well then. Now let us get down to a plain definition of that much-abused term The British Sportsman. Recently I heard a man described as "A sportsman who collects postage-stamps." Collector, of course he might be, and there is nothing wrong about his hobby I dare say. But sportsman, on that account, he certainly was not. R. L. Stevenson once defined postage-stamp collecting as the highest form of Art, as it took a lot of trouble, was very costly, and was entirely useless when it was done. But even he, delicious, whimsical, inventor that he was, did not sully the decayed postage-stamp with the Sportsman's imprint.

The chess, shove-ha-penny and billiard experts are all very possibly most excellent citizens in their respective ways, but by those particular activities they do not acquire the palm of sportsmanship. It will be to their annoyance I am afraid that I bracket with these those dashing fellows who go and look on at the big cricket matches, or loose off their howls at football referees, or attend boxing shows in any seats from the threepenny to the three guinea. But if these men played cricket themselves even the cork-and-broomstick variety in a back street, or had a ten-minute-between-shifts footer scrap in a back yard with a rag ball, or patted one another with the open hand on the road home after they had clocked-out, then I would touch the brim of my hat to them as brother Sportsmen, though I do none of these things myself these days except perhaps the last. (If you are in the habit of travelling about the world a bit, it is always sound policy to keep your personal defence scheme in working order).

Misused Words.

There is nothing wrong of course in going to look on at a football match. But you have no more reason if you do, for calling yourself a sportsman than you would for claiming to be an actor if you put in as evening at the theatre. No two words in the English language are more misused than Sportsman and Sportsmanship, and the reason is fairly plain. The real practitioners are a dumb sort of people. If they are sportsmen they show sportsmanship in everything they do, but they never mention it. The trouble is they have

crowds of hangers-on who loudly bawl that they are sportsmen too, and the genuine lads are too full of sportsmen's humour to point out that they are nothing of the sort.

A stout alien at a club the other day was introduced to me as "a great sportsman," in that he had a liver on every race that happened. Well, betting on a horse-race, or a man-race or a motor-race you aren't there to see is not sportsmanship. I would rather bet on which of two flies on a window-pane got away first—if I were watching the flies.

It is probably silly to bet on half the things people do bet on. But there perhaps I am prejudiced, because I have a rooted objection to providing out of my own pocket expensive upholstery for the bookies and their lady friends. Still, if you have a taste that way, it is your own personal affair. There is nothing wrong about betting, unless you bet more than you can afford. If you start doing that, you are probably at the same time paying your entrance fee to that exclusive club, the Burglars' Union.

Push Cyclist Preferred.

My own appreciation of a man's sportsmanship varies directly with the amounts of physical exercise, mother-wit and good humour he puts into it. For instance, I prefer the push-bicyclist to the motor merchant, and I have far more respect for the shooter who worries a stoat out of a limestone wall on a bitter spring morning than for the more glittering hero who in one day to his own pair of guns brings down two hundred and fifty brace of pheasants (all high birds) that another man has reared and driven to him.

The real Sportsman is the fellow who does sporting things cheerfully himself, to the best of his ability, with his own thumbs, and by his own wit, and always plays the game. The non-Sportsman is the shirker who goes to see other men do these sporting things, keeps himself carefully buttoned against the least trace of exercise, and shouts noisily as to how he personally would like to see the game played.

Little old Great Britain was built by men who lived clean and liked sport. It is being very badly let down in the present Year of Grace by people who call themselves Sportsmen, but who are nothing of the sort.

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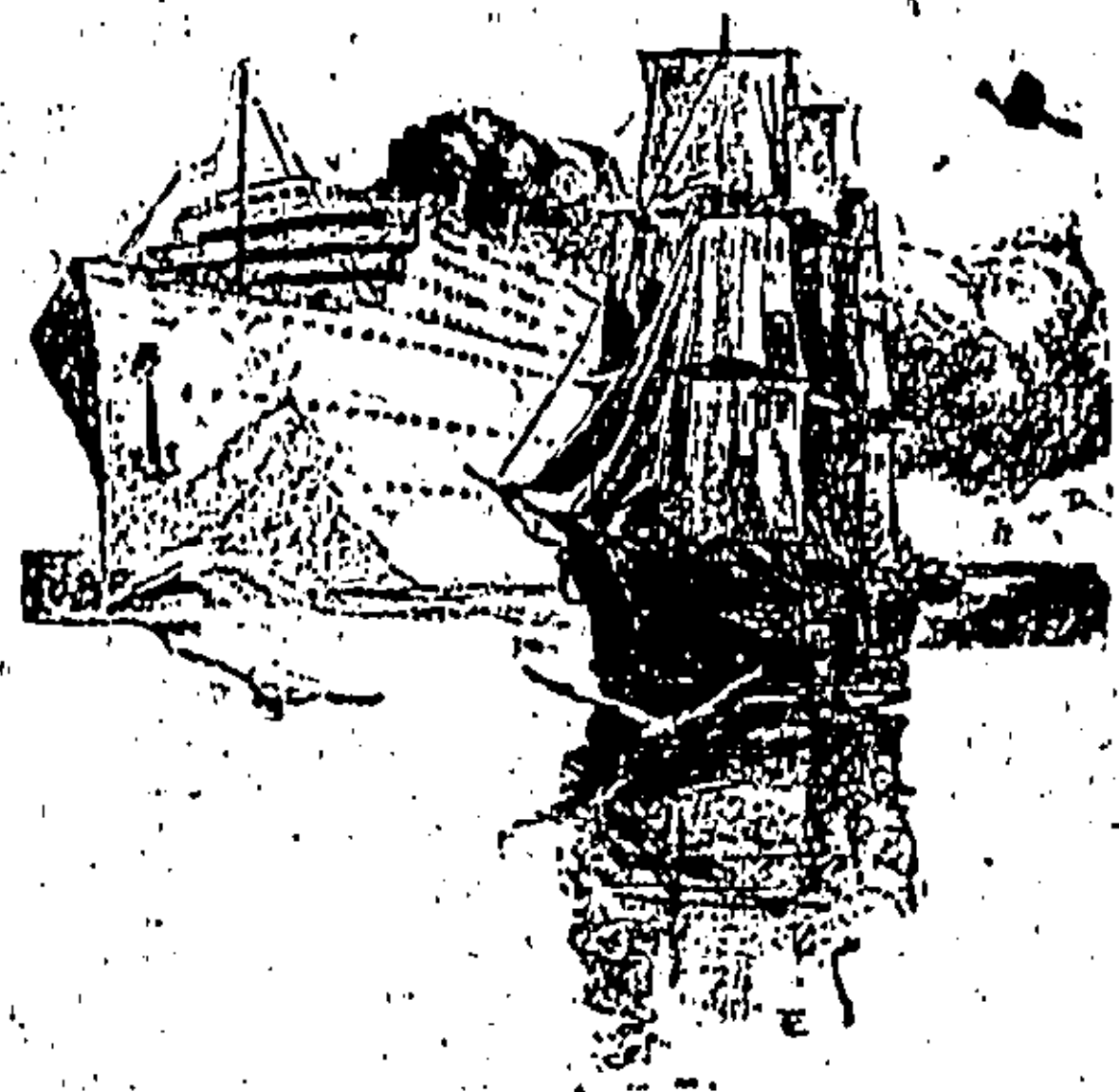
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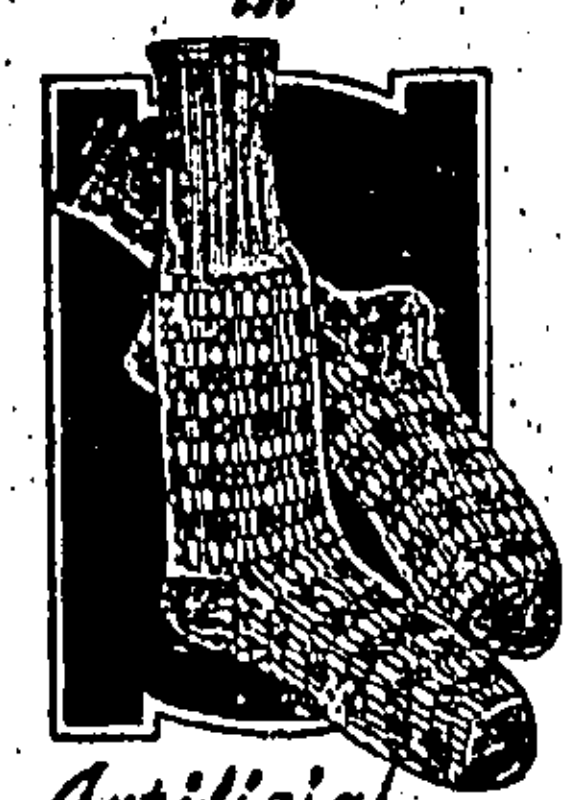
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A Hint for Colony.

In the course of a letter to the Malay Mail, with which he has been very closely connected for many years, besides being an unofficial member of the Federal Council, Mr. J. H. M. Robson makes a plea that might not fall on deaf ears if made in this Colony. He points out that at a meeting of the Federal Council Mr. San Ah-wing asserted that "he had looked in vain for a single industry that had sprung into existence and which was proving itself an asset to the country as a result of the labours of the Agricultural Department." There may be no justification for this criticism, but Mr. Robson says that he has heard Europeans make the same statement. "Only a limited number of people read departmental annual reports and fewer still can remember the contents of such reports published five or ten years ago." Mr. Robson continues:—

"May I again put in a plea for the compilation of departmental histories, some of which would constitute useful reference records for the general public and all of which have a definite historical value in the future. Magnificent development work has been done in this country during the last fifty years, but there is no detailed record of this work, or of the men who accomplished it, available for reference. There must be at least one bright young man in every Government department who would be willing to undertake the task of compiling a complete record of his particular department. Such records would in themselves represent the greater part of the real history of the territory now known as the F.M.S."

In this Colony we find a brief and quite unsatisfactory summary of some of the leading events of each year in the Civil Service List. What we expect to find therein we do not; and, in the search for it, we come across items that appear strangely out of place in such a publication.

The reports of the various Departments are published both singly and collectively; the latter makes no pretence to being a sort of Hong Kong "Enquire Within" and time and patience are too often frittered away in a futile effort to retrieve some important comment or figures bearing on the topics of the day. Many a Departmental report is deprived of much of its value by the absence of an index. We suppose, in the good company of Mr. Robson, that there must be at least one bright young man in every Government Department who would be willing to undertake the task of compiling a complete record of his particular Department: if his researches are to be confined to the four walls of his own office, he may achieve something worth while; but if he has to go to the library in the City Hall, he is more likely to contract tuberculosis from the mountains of dust among the ancient tomes or else bubonic plague from the book-loving rodents! That by the way. Recent researches on various subjects, both in Government Departments and private firms, make us deplore the sheer lack of foresight three, four, and five decades ago in not keeping valuable and authentic records—part and parcel of the Colony's history—up to date for the benefit of future generations. It is not too late to make a start now—if only the head of each Department will encourage that one bright young man under him to do the needful!

Mail Commentary.

Not Libellous.

The use of the elegant word "lousy" (in the Yankee sense) has been held by the Supreme Court in New York not to be libellous. Commenting that the law "has not reached the Utopian stage where envy and acrimony are penalised," the Court in giving judgment continued:—

"The statement that a person is 'lousy' in his engagements and endeavours, meaning that his efforts are not commendable, but rather inferior in result; and on the whole subject of unfavourable criticism, is not libellous per se or libel at all."

justly taken to task, but such is the state of social morals, that all men must tolerate—particularly those who ambitiously and successfully have striven—the expression of opinion of others concerning their work.

"Regarding the statement under consideration as an ill-advised and tactless attempt at humour rather than a libel in any sense, the application to dismiss is granted."

From this rather unctuous judicial pronouncement one can at least infer what an American means when he says that his neighbour is "lousy."

News in Brief.

Sir Peter Grain left for Manila last night by the s.s. Empress of Russia.

Two cases of typhoid fever were notified yesterday. Both were Chinese.

The Graf Zeppelin has landed at Friedrichshafen, says a Reuter message.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ended August 8 amounted to 104,349 tons, and the sales to \$3,585 tons.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commander G. F. Hole, Mr. J. S. Anderson, captain of the s.s. Nanning, was fined \$5 for failing to fly the "F" pennant when proceeding to the Southern Fairway.

It will interest many to know that "Don't Bet On Women," starring Edmund Lowe and Jeanette MacDonald, which was recently screened at the King's Theatre, is being shown at Home under the title of "More Than a Kiss."

Knocked down and run over by a public motor car in Wellington Street, Kong Yim (15), an apprentice at 47 Wellington Street, fractured his left shin bone and was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Apparently a "sleep-walker," a married woman, named Lo Siu-kam (84), was found lying on her back on the side of the road behind her house at 91, Queen's Road East, by a District Watchman. Her husband and child were found asleep in a cubicle.

Gandhi's visit to London is now regarded as impossible, says Reuter and adds that the Viceroy has decided suddenly to return to Simla from Ranchi, in order to consider his reply to Gandhi, which it is understood will be a scathing indictment of "Congress duplicity" in every province.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Frederick Charles Young, of the Claremont Hotel, Kowloon, and Jean Kathleen Wagstaff, residing at the same address; and of Lambert Gokheim, merchant, of 14, Fung Fat Terrace, Hong Kong, to Nancy Li, 2, Tramway Path, Hong Kong.

DELEGATION FROM FRANCE.

League of Nations' Appointment.

Paris, Yesterday.
The French Delegation, at the Autumn session of the Assembly of the League of Nations has been appointed as follows:—

M. Briand, M. Flandin (Minister of Finance), M. Rollin (Minister of Commerce) with assisted Under-Secretaries and experts.

M. Laval, following the lead of Dr. Bruening, is not attending the Assembly but will await his visit to Berlin at the end of September to resume contact with Dr. Bruening.—Reuter.

FRENCH DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

New Ambassador to Germany.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Council of State has appointed M. Francois Poncet, Under-Secretary to the National Economy, as French Ambassador in Germany.—Reuter.

NOT OUT TO BEAT CHURCH PROPERTY IN POST & GATTY.

An Indian World Bicyclist.

TO VISIT HONG KONG.

"No I am not out to beat Post and Gatty's record," admitted Mr. Ram Nath-Biswas, formerly ashore at the Singapore marine court who arrived in Penang on August 11 on a world tour having taken eighteen days to reach Penang from Singapore.

Mr. Biswas who is mounted on a bicycle hopes on wheel or on feet to visit all the countries of the world thereby getting acquaintance with the manners, customs habits and mode of living of all the nations. He intends going through Siam into Indo-China, Haiphong and thence to Hong Kong where he will be guided by the advice of the British and Chinese Consuls as to what route will be safe for travel. He aims to get to Korea and then to Japan from where he hopes to take steamer to America, where he will attempt to cycle through the North and South before sailing for Britain from where he will begin his return trip.

Mr. Biswas is following a new route as being an Indian he has seen much of that Empire, and will have the opportunity of doing so when he returns via Europe. He intends finishing up his adventure by going to Tibet where he says he will renounce the world and live the life of a hermit.

Mr. Biswas takes his own time for the journey, sometimes doing fifty miles a day and sometimes only four.

NO ORDINARY FORGE.

It was hot. Every step on the road leading to St. Etienne de Balgory confirmed the fact, while the white-washed forge with its furnace glowing red with the sun. This was no ordinary forge; where horses come to have their shoes renewed, and the wooden wheels of carts are left for their iron rims to be adjusted. This old place in the Basses Pyrenees was the forge of bells, not for the churches, but for oxen labouring slowly in the fields, for the sheep, the horses, and the donkeys grazing on the mountains.

Three men, all stockingless, two with their bare feet thrust into sandals, were working as if there were no heat without or within; while on the floor, all jumbled together in their different sizes, lay the bells themselves, waiting for their second passing through the furnace. Near by a man was carefully mixing a light coloured clay with water, with which each bell was thickly encased before being lifted into the flame.

Attention to the furnace occupied the old, toothless Basque who had invited me in. Every now and again he lifted out an oval-shaped mass and placed it carefully, still flaming, on the floor. Then came the turn of the third worker, superior to the others in that he wore pointed wooden sabots, richly studded with nails. His task was to roll the red-hot bell with his wooden sabot on the gritty floor. Very gentle were his movements, quick, with just sufficient force to press the hot clay onto the metal which it covered while yet retaining the shape of the bell. When the heat in the clay had died down and the temperature was exactly right, the toothless Basque lifted the bell on an iron carrier and dropped it into a large tub of cold water.

"The hot and the cold make a beautiful tone," he remarked with a wise smile, as if it applied also to other matters.

Later he lifted the moulded mass out of the water, and, with his own hands broke away the paste, now rendered sooty and black and lumpy by the fire, until from the unbecomingly mass appeared the rich golden-coloured bells.

"It is the past," he exclaimed, as I commented on the change which had taken place. "Are they not beautiful?"

And to this I agreed, for much care and much craftsmanship had gone to their making.—Christian Science Monitor.

Sales Forbidden by Decree.

CONFISCATION THREATENED.

Madrid, Yesterday.
After the interception of instructions from Cardinal Segura, the exiled Primate, for the immediate sale of church property in Spain, a decree was issued forbidding the sale of any church property. This is in order to prevent religious orders selling vast estates and transferring the proceeds abroad in order to avoid confiscation as threatened in the draft constitution.—Reuter.

DARING ROBBERY

Women Intimidated With A Knife.

A GOOD HAUL.

On the pretext that they had gone there to repair the verandah, four Chinese, one of whom was armed with a knife, gained entrance to the third floor of 31, Li Tung Street, Wanchai, yesterday, and committed a robbery. They decamped with a haul of money and jewellery to the total value of \$279.50.

According to Lo Hing, a concubine, who was with her daughter on the premises, she heard a knock at the front door. She asked "Who is there?" and the reply was "We have come to repair the verandah." The door was opened, and a man entered. He examined the floor near the doorway, and then three others entered. One produced a knife, and kept guard over the frightened inmates. The robbers then proceeded to ransack the place, after which they departed with a haul as stated above.

WIVES' SLIMMING TO MUSIC.

Tunes While They Sweep.

HUSBANDS REJOICING.

"Slim while you sweep" is the latest beauty slogan at a London school of deportment, and husbands are rejoicing that at last a treatment has been devised which will persuade their wives to return to household duties.

To the music of drum, castanet, or their own voices, lifted in folk song, women learn to wield the broom, the duster, the stirring spoon, or even the dish-cloth in a rhythmic way which is both slimming and beautifying.

Sometimes a record is put on the gramophone and the class sweeps to its tune.

Once the art is learned suitable record are taken home and put on to a portable gramophone in any room where housework is in progress. Once a month the housewife returns to the studio to have any small faults in deportment corrected, says the Daily Mail.

When a woman learns to hold herself correctly while performing even the most everyday movements, that bugbear of middle age, double chin, will disappear.

Some women lose several pounds of that worrying superfluous flesh in a fortnight; others improve their appearance by learning how to relax their bodies, by this means smoothing out those equally worrying facial wrinkles.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of August 21, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8½.

By a score of six to three the Canton Chinese Baseball team beat the Japanese team from Hong Kong in yesterday's game at the Canton East Garden.

Although the Japanese team were defeated, its members showed some fine work on several occasions. Good sportsmanship was shown by the players on both sides. The Chinese did some heavy slugging, and scored the heaviest in the seventh innings when three runs were added to their credit. The Japanese succeeded in making two runs on the fourth innings, but the Chinese did not allow them to score again until the very end when another run was credited to the Japanese in the ninth innings.

ESTATE OF MR. A. V. APCAR.

Special Provisions of The Will.

LEGACIES TO EMPLOYEES.

The will of Mr. Arratoon Vertannes Apar, merchant, of Hong Kong, who died at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, London, on April 6 last, shows local estate valued for probate at \$773,100. Gross estate proved in the United Kingdom amounts to £2,351, with net personality £1,123. Grant of resealing of certified copy of probate of the will has been made to Mr. D. J. Gilmore, lawful attorney for the executors and trustees.

The will was proved in London on June 5, 1931, and provides for the appointment of General Trustees who are Mrs. Ashken Apar, (the widow), and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China. Further, by the terms of the will, Mr. Doshabhy Hormasjee Cooper becomes an additional executor and trustee if a director of Messrs. A. V. Apar and Company at the time of testator's death. Mr. George Armen Apar, testator's son, is to be appointed an additional trustee and executor upon attaining the age of 25 years.

The General Trustees are directed to pay a bequest to George Armen Apar, of all testator's shares in Messrs. A. V. Apar and Company, absolutely. They are also empowered, upon written request by George Armen Apar, to pay to him the sum of \$5,000 at any time after he shall attain the age of 21 years, and before he reaches the age of 25 years. But it is provided that the trustees shall have discretion to refuse or withhold such a payment at their discretion under certain named circumstances.

Testator also makes the following specific legacies:

The sum of \$1,000 to his wife. To his only son, Messrs. A. V. Apar and Company, at testator's death, and not under notice to leave, the sum of \$500 Hong Kong currency.

A similar sum, under similar conditions, to a coadjutor employed by Apar and Co., known as A. Tung. The balance of the residuary estate is to be converted and held in trust, the sum of \$500 per annum being paid out of the income to George Armen Apar, for four years beginning on the date of his attaining the age of 21. The rest of the income is to be paid over to testator's widow during her lifetime, and at her death the residuary trust fund shall be held in trust for George Armen Apar, upon his attaining the age of 25 years, absolutely.

It is further provided by the will that in the event of the failure of these trusts that the moneys in the hands of the trustees be paid to the Wardens of the Armenian Church at Calcutta, the income to be remitted by them, after consultation with C. I. Apar, testator's brother, to Persia, and there used for educational and hospital purposes.

The will appoints special "Colonial Trustees" in the persons of Ashken Apar, and conditionally D. H. Cooper and G. A. Apar to administer the property in Hong Kong known as "Ava House" and "Ava Mansion." This property is excepted from the estate to be dealt with by the General Trustees.

The net income from this property is to be paid to testator's widow during her lifetime, and upon death, to the son.

It is further provided in respect of this property that during the tenth year after testator's death steps shall be taken to sell it, and hand over the proceeds to the General Trustees. The General Trustees are thus appointed trustees of this special trust fund from the tenth anniversary of testator's death.

Chinese Estates.
The estate of Pang Tsz-kwan, alias Pang Tsz-kwang, alias Pang Chan-ling, who died intestate at the Yung Wo Nursing Home, Hong Kong, on June 10 last, has been proved at \$5,000. Letters of Administration have been granted to the widow, Pang Wong-shi.

Yung Hing-fan, who died intestate at his residence at 24, Village Road, Hong Kong, on June 18 last, left estate valued for probate at \$27,800. Letters of Administration have been granted to the widow, Jong Sung-hiang.

DEPORTATION CASE.

Original Order Not a Good One.

GIRL DISCHARGED.

At the continued hearing of the habeas corpus application by two Annamites, before the Full Court yesterday, it was intimated by the Attorney-General that, in the case of the man, a fresh deportation order was served upon him after the Court rose on Saturday last.

The Chief Justice said that the Court held the deportation order previously made under section 3 (2), invalid.

Mr. Jenkin, for the defence, protested against the serving of the new deportation order. He submitted that it could not affect the position as it stood when the Court last assembled on Saturday, August 15. If the custody was then unlawful, the present procedure could not put it right. He asked for the man's discharge on the present application.

The Chief Justice: That would leave the man in custody on the new deportation order.

No Power Of Re-Arrest.
Mr. Jenkin contended that if a man had been discharged by habeas corpus process, he could not be re-arrested for the same matter.

The Attorney-General said he was still showing cause, and did not want to add anything further.

The Chief Justice then read out notes he made on Saturday, giving reasons for finding that the deportation order originally made against the woman applicant was bad. The notes read:

1.—My view of the latter part of Section 3 A (4) of the Deportation Ordinance, 1917, is as follows:—The Legislature, no doubt, feeling itself justified and indeed obliged by the conditions of the problem so to do, has laid down a very drastic and unusual procedure for cases falling under Section 3 A. Under that procedure the person who is to be adversely affected, the deportee as I shall call him, is informed only of the allegations against him. He is not allowed to know the evidence on which those allegations are based, or, at least, that evidence need not be disclosed to him. The Legislature has, however, introduced two minor safeguards in the taking of the deportee's reply to the allegations. Reflecting that he may reply ambiguously or inaccurately, the Legislature has provided that the officer taking his reply may put to him such further questions, in addition to those prescribed by the Ordinance, as may seem to such officer desirable for the purpose of elucidating the answers of the deportee. Reflecting also that in the case of a composite charge, i.e., where there are more allegations than one, the deportee may through inadvertence fail to reply to a particular allegation, the Legislature has provided that the officer taking his reply may ask him additional questions for the purpose of directing his attention to any particular, i.e., any particular allegation or part of an allegation to which he has failed to reply and which seems to such officer, in the interests of the deportee, to call for a reply. Reflecting again that the deportee may fall through inadvertence to reply sufficiently fully to some particular in the charge, the Legislature has also provided that the officer taking his reply may direct the attention of the deportee to any such particular in the charge which seems to him, in the interests of the deportee, to call for a further reply.

2.—The Attorney-General argued in effect that the latter part of the sub-section empowers the officer in question to select at his discretion particular points in the secret evidence against the deportee and to put them to the deportee. How that officer is to decide which points "require a reply" does not appear. One would imagine that all the adverse evidence would require a reply, but the officer is obviously not intended to put all the adverse evidence to him. A power so strange and improbable as that contended for would have to be conferred in the clearest terms. Instead of the clear terms that we should expect in such a case we find the following:

(a) This wide and novel power follows with a pause, a very restricted power to ask questions for the purpose of elucidating the answers of the deportee, questions such as might be asked of a prisoner making a statement after caution, when being charged in an ordinary criminal prosecution.

(b) The power is to direct the deportee's attention to something. That phrase rather suggests something which one has seen but of which one has missed the significance. It does not seem an appropriate phrase for disclosure of what had hitherto been concealed.

CHILD STEALING.

Woman Gets 12 Months' Hard.

JULY INCIDENT.

On a charge of child stealing, Cheung Kam-po (37), a widow, pleaded guilty before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning, and was sentenced to the maximum penalty of one year's hard labour.

Inspector John Murphy, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, who prosecuted, said, in reply to his Worship, that he was not asking for a committal in this case, because the witnesses were all members of the floating population, and it would be difficult to find them to give their evidence at the Supreme Court trial, as their boats were unnumbered.

13 Year-Old Girl.
Stating the facts, Inspector Murphy said that the girl in question was thirteen years of age, and was betrothed. It appears that on March 16, 1930, the mother handed her daughter over to a guardian, and she lived with her on a boat up till July 2 this year. The boat was lying in Causeway Bay anchorage. One day the girl was sent ashore to buy sweets, and whilst walking in a street there, she met the defendant, who suggested that they both go to town to buy clothing. The girl agreed and they proceeded to Hong Kong in a tramcar.

Offered for Sale in Canton.
The woman then took the girl over to her house in Shamshuipo district, where she gave the girl a parcel. They then returned to Hong Kong. They embarked on a boat, which the defendant told the girl would take them to Hong Kong. However, the girl found herself in Canton. Here many people came to visit the defendant, who had apparently wanted to sell the girl, but in this case was unsuccessful. The defendant brought her back to the Colony, and they lived in Shamshuipo, in the defendant's house.

Serious Illness.
The girl became seriously ill, and was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Her condition grew worse, and, alarmed by this, the defendant broke the news to some boat folk. The girl's mother heard of what had happened, and she went to the hospital and took her daughter from the bed to her own boat. The mother informed the guardian of the affair. The day before yesterday, they met the defendant in Connaught Road Central. They seized her themselves and took her over to Yau-mat.

A District Watchman's attention was drawn to a crowd standing at the junction of Canton Road and Hamilton Street.

On enquiring, he found the women quarrelling and fighting. He took both parties to the Police Station, where the whole affair was threshed out.

POSEIDON HEROES.

Boisterous Welcome at Plymouth.

DRENCHED TO SKIN.
A British Official Wireless message of yesterday says that Chief Petty Officer Willis, and other survivors of the submarine Poseidon, reached Plymouth and received an official welcome from the Mayor.

A Reuter message also says they experienced a boisterous welcome at the hands of the weather on arrival at Plymouth. The conditions were so tempestuous that the tender awaiting the liner Rawalpindi in Plymouth Sound, with the Mayor of Plymouth aboard, was unable to go alongside for half an hour. P. O. Willis and other ratings were drawn up in two ranks, and stood for over a quarter of an hour without oilskins or overcoats, facing the gale and driving rain, being drenched to the skin, when the Mayor, also bareheaded and without an overcoat, addressed them. He said the gallant heroism and initiative displayed by Willis, Clark, Nagle and Holt would for all time rank as a great act of heroism in British history. P. O. Willis replied very briefly. All the survivors are continuing their journey to Tilbury.

which takes small boats to the coast of Trinidad.

After their Lordships had consulted in private Viscount Dunedin announced that they would advise His Majesty to allow the appeal, which would mean that the three men would be released. The reasons for the decision would be given later.

Lord Macmillan said that from the fact that special legislation had been passed he gathered that escapes were constantly occurring. Mr. Pitt, K.C.: I understand they are not uncommon, for with a certain wind there is a current

NAUTILUS FOR THE POLE.

What Sir Hubert Hopes to Do.

A FEW DETAILS.

A Reuter message from Longyear City dated yesterday says that the submarine Nautilus started unescorted, as the proposed arrangement with a sealing vessel has not materialised.

The weather is fair, but there is some fog.

It is expected that the Polar voyage will last about three weeks. Her Equipment.

The Nautilus, the United States Navy submarine, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins, the distinguished Australian explorer, is to cruise under the pack ice in the Arctic region, is of strange shape. Great steel runners are attached to her deck on both sides of the conning tower, somewhat similar to those of a sled, but upside down. With these the explorer expects the submarine to slip along beneath the surface of the ice cap, if conditions warrant. The submarine is provided with a great ice drill projecting from the conning tower. This is to drill through the ice cap, which is not expected to be more than 13ft. thick in most places.

Sir Hubert, who hopes to establish thirty-two meteorological stations in the Arctic, from which observations of incalculable value to the world can be taken, thinks he will be able to cruise below the ice pack at a speed of approximately three knots an hour.

Boring Through.
Stops will be made frequently to bore through the ice to make observations and plan for sites for the meteorological stations. He expects to meet with considerable open water, much of which he saw during his great Polar flight from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen. These meteorological bases will be established on the floating ice, as he considers such a proceeding will be possible.

"We shall travel under the ice from Spitzbergen to the Bering Sea," he said, "coming up frequently and spending eight hours each day measuring the drift of the ice, day measuring the drift of the ice, its stability and condition, and we shall install automatic scientific instruments which will register the conditions throughout the year."

"With this information we hope to decide whether it will be possible to establish and maintain one or more stations on the Arctic ice, these stations to be part of a system which calls for the establishment of thirty-two stations in the North and twelve stations in the Antarctic." "While doing this work we expect to carry out a great many other scientific investigations."

GERMAN FINANCE.

Fundamental Problem of Reparations.

FRENCH ENDORSEMENT.

Commenting on the report issued at Basle by the Bankers' Committee, appointed by the London Conference to examine the credit means of Germany, a British Wireless message says, the Times declares it is a very important document, which deserves the most careful study of the various Governments concerned. "The whole essence of their conclusion is to show with unmistakable clearness that no solution of Germany's financial difficulties is possible unless the fundamental problem of reparations is settled on a realistic basis. That such very plain conclusions should have been endorsed by the French representative of the committee is very satisfactory." After examining the terms of the report, emphasising the urgent need of immediate action on the part of the Governments to restore confidence, the Times states:—"Though the exact interpretation to be given to this passage in the report by the various signatories and by their Governments will no doubt differ, there should be no great difficulty in arriving at the essence of their meaning."

A Reuter message from New York says purchases of silver by Germany in the New York market for August amount to approximately 2,000,000 ounces, all of which has been shipped. The trade expects some additional purchases in the next few weeks. The shipments are supposed to be for collating purposes, in order to replace the Reichsbank notes and, and the attempts to avoid note inflation.



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ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 22nd August.
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CHICHIBU MARU	Friday, 28th August.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Thursday, 27th August.
NAGATO MARU	Thursday, 27th August.
KAGA MARU	Friday, 11th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Saturday, 12th September.
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 12th September.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Thursday, 27th August.
TAKETOYO MARU	Thursday, 27th August.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Sunday, 13th September.
LYONS MARU	Sunday, 13th September.
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RANGOON MARU	Saturday, 29th August.
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BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Sydney Maru	Sat.	5th Sept.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Burma Maru	Fri.	21st Aug.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Kinai Maru	Tues.	15th Sept.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Hokuroku Maru	Tues.	8th Oct.
HAIPHONG via Hoibow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Argun Maru	Thurs.	3rd Sept.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Honolulu Maru	Tues.	1st Sept.
FAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	3rd Sept.
	Canton Maru	Sun.	30th Aug.
	Dell Maru	Thurs.	27th Aug.

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TAI HING SUN.	23rd TUES.	25th WED.	26th THURS.	27th FRI.
TAI HING TUES.	25th THURS.	27th FRI.	28th SAT.	29th SUN.
TAI HING FRI.	28th SUN.	30th MON.	31st TUES.	1st WED.
TAI HING MON.	31st WED.	2nd THURS.	3rd FRI.	4th SAT.

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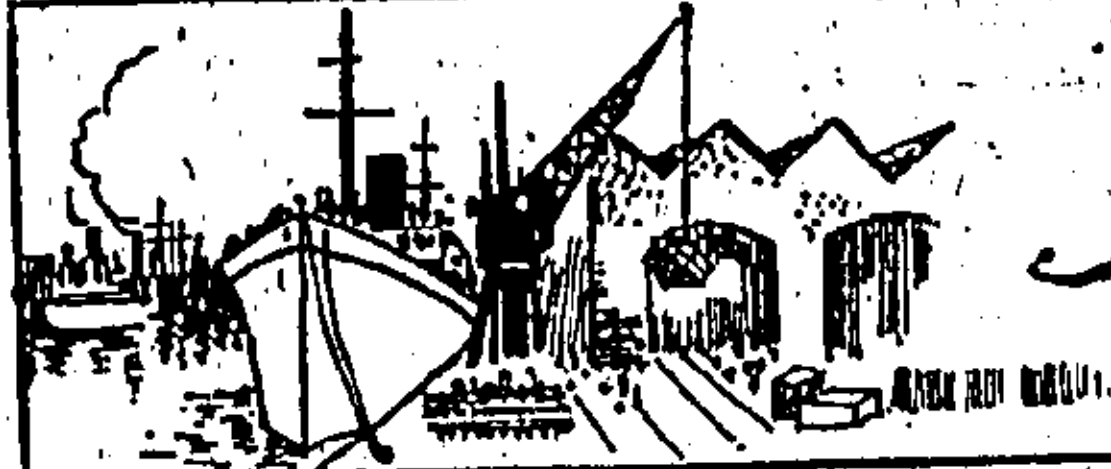
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Search For Bullion In Dutch Wreck.

After six weeks' work on the wrecked Dutch steamer Tubantia, which is lying in eighteen fathoms off Ostend, the Wear salvage vessel

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LUXURY LINER.

Thrills for New Dollar Boat Passenger.

A cablegram received here from the San Francisco Office of the Dollar Steamship Lines reads: Balboa, Panama Canal, August 14, 1931. Passengers on New Dollar Liner Hoover passed through Panama Canal this morning were thrilled at seeing their immense home lifted in locks and sailing through beautiful miraflores lake locks. Noon luncheon was served on promenade decks to great enjoyment of passengers. Aeroplanes dived overhead, other ships whistled their salutes and all in all a real good time was had by entire passenger list.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per. Empress of Russia for Manila, August 20:—Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Johnson, Mr. J. Leasema, Miss S. Medina, Miss P. de Guzman, Judge Sir Peter Grain, Mr. Tomas Torres, Miss L. Silva, Mr. G. Hotchand, Father Vautier, Prof. Pollock, Capt. G. C. McFarland, L.E. D. H. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. M. Luna and son, Mr. G. Costa, Mr. P. W. Reyes.

EVILS OF GOVERNMENT SHIPPING.

Shipowners have had such an unhappy experience with the evils caused by Government shipping ventures, which, incidentally, have proved extremely costly to the States, that it would be unnatural that they should go out of their way to assist Governments to create further disturbances and do more damage to the industry, says a Home paper. Not only have State shipping schemes contributed in a large measure to the present great surplus of tonnage, but, by being worked regardless of commercial considerations, they have greatly intensified the difficulties of ordinary ownerships in trying to maintain services at a profit. The attention now being given in the Dominion to the heavy losses incurred by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine is particularly welcome, but it is curious to read that while serious losses on the working of United States transatlantic services may necessitate fresh financial arrangements, the United States Government still contemplates subsidizing further new tonnage. The realisation of the harm done by Government participation in shipping does not, however, directly affect the reception by shipowners of the present proposals for the acquisition of ships by the Soviet Government. Shipowners would doubtless be ready to treat with the Soviet Government as with any other prospective buyers, on ordinary cash terms, but they know of no reason whatever why they should grant loans to enable it to secure ships.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, August 19.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Wei-hai-wei, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.
Empress of Russia, British str., 16,908 tons, Capt. A. J. Hosken, from Vancouver via ports, Kowloon Wharf.—C.F.S.
Hinsang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. L. Hutchings, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Kurama Maru, Japanese str., 4,062 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Davao, buoy No. A9.—N.Y.K.
Rantam Pandjang, Dutch str., 1,501 tons, Capt. J. Blaauw, from Sandakan, buoy No. A14.—J.C.J.L.

Thursday, August 20.
Atsuta Maru, Japanese str., 17,983 tons, Captain Y. Kawashima, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Burma Maru, Japanese str., 2,813 tons, Capt. S. Shirai, from Singapore, buoy No. A8.—O.S.K.
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B16.—M. M.
Chinhua, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

City of Lille, British str., 4,054 tons, Capt. O. Nelson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Bank Line.
Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. H. Dahl, from Saigon, buoy No. B8.—Chang Tong Ha.
Haiching, British str., 1,284 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Hakusan Maru, Japanese str., 6,271 tons, Capt. J. Tsuji, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Havdrot, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Captain E. Fenselsen, from Samarinda, buoy No. C7.—K. Larsen & Co.

Hiroshi Maru, Japanese str., 940 tons, Capt. Y. Okada, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.
Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Nias, Dutch str., 3,757 tons, Capt. B. Brouwer, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.
Nanning, British str., 1,430 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. S. M. Barling, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

Aug. Aug. 18 19
West River at Shuohing ... 24.5 24.3
North River at Samshui ... 7.1 8.1
North River at Tsingyuen ... 14.1 14.1
East River at Sheklung ... 4.8 8.8
The highest levels recorded are:—Shuohing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.8 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Caradoc—No. 8 buoy.
Cicala—South wall.
Odin—North wall.
Oswald—North wall.
Otus—East wall.
Seraph—North arm.
Scrapie—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Taranula—West wall.
Foreign.
Helena—American gunboat.
Saga—Japanese gunboat.
Smith Thompson—American gunboat.

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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

August 21 to 27, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
August	Standard Times		Ht.	Standard Times		Ht.
	H.	M.		F.	H.	M.
Fri. 21	11	30	1.7	1	4	2
Sat. 22	12	15	2.6	1	30	3
Sun. 23	13	0	1.6	1	3	1
Mon. 24	13	45	1.1	1	10	1
Tues. 25	14	30	1.1	1	10	1
Wed. 26	15	15	1.1	1	10	1
Thurs. 27	16	35	1.1	1	10	1

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Empress of Canada Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
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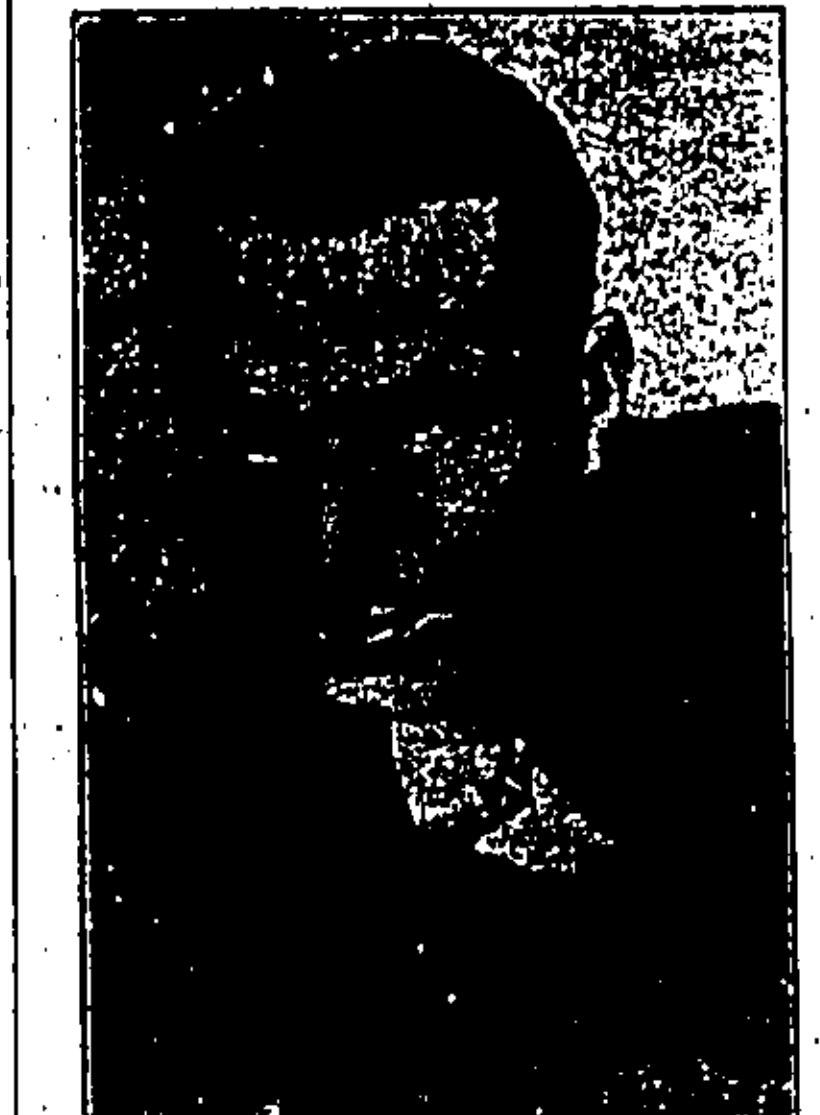
TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

"Quick Millions" at King's is gangster stuff with a vengeance. The story is inspired by recent happenings in New York and is true to fact most of it. It includes some real good melodrama. There is the usual presentation of double-crossing racketeers, led by Spencer Tracy and "Bugs" Raymond. Towards the close we are treated to some preaching, "How the public is remiss in permitting such atrocious conditions to exist, etc." Tracy, who plays the truck-driver with social aspirations, crashes society, but still remains a rotter, and plays the penalty. Sally Eilers takes first honours, as Marguerite Churchill does not have much chance. The film is made up of many scenes, but it retains your interest. I think the men will like it. I found it an extremely exciting underworld story.

"Crazy That Way." Another Fox film. Those who think Joan Bennett can act, and who wish to see lovely gowns, with a cast that includes Kenneth MacKenna, Jason Robards and Regis Toomey, in a plot wherein a girl with men in love with her loves another, all acting their way through a fairly amusing comedy, should go to the Queen's.

"Tailor Made Man." William Haines contributes an admirable performance in this old story at the Queen's in which Charlie Ray, trouser presser, steals a dress suit. So, with some ideas learnt from books, he makes a hit in society, especially with the fond mothers with marriageable daughters. His fraud discovered, he returns to the shop, reorganizes the business, and decides that the proprietor's daughter is the one and



only girl. And who can blame him, when it is Dorothy Jordan. Ian Keith, Marjorie Rambeau, Edna Hopper and others make appearances, now and again. It is good for many laughs, and Haines proves, again that he is a first-rate actor. Funny, without being too suggestive, the jaunty self-confident player is here at his best.

"Honour Among Lovers." Excellent performances by Claudette Colbert, Fredric March and Monroe Owsley will make "Honour Among Lovers" interesting. There is some good dialogue, and it is beautifully put on. It is a familiar sort of tale of a Wall Street broker and his too fascinating secretary. The swaggering, staggering husband is well played by Owsley. The lovers walk out hand in hand at the end, as they would most likely do in real life. The hero of "The Royal Family" could never fail to please, and Claudette is charming. It is worth seeing, most certainly. (Central).

"Bad Sister." Full marks must go to Universal for this fine little picture—"Bad Sister." You will want to see and hear more of Sidney Fox. She is certainly one of the prettiest and most talented girls on the Universal lot. It is the screen adaptation of Booth Tarkington's story—"The Flirt." It is all about a small town girl who is willing to ruin her father-to-be—what she wanted, Conrad Nagel, a never-failing delight as the young doctor, Bette Davis, also a new-comer, and Zasu Pitts, with little David Durand, make a capable cast. Do not miss it. (Central).

"Way For A Sailor." John Gilbert is seen in "Way For A Sailor." It is a fast moving



John Gilbert.

drama of three sailor boys, Jack Gilbert, Wallace Beery and Jim Tully. I am not in favour of the low-brow dialogue, but this is simply my humble opinion. The admirers of Jack Gilbert may want to see him as a hard drinking sailor who takes his loves lightly. Jim Tully does not act at all. For the benefit of those who do not know, he is a famous author, who recently knocked out the handsome Mr. Gilbert in a fight in a Hollywood Restaurant and so was prevailed upon to show the world at large (who, incidentally is not interested) that he is really a great personal friend of Mr. Gilbert. As he does not attempt to act, it saves him. Wallace Beery is pretty much the same. Fleeting glimpses of good actresses, like Beryl Mercer, Doris Lloyd and Polly Moran, in sordid surroundings are to be seen. I looked in vain for the old-time magnetism of Gilbert, his individuality and skill, but found him to be merely uninteresting. His part could have been played by any of a hundred other actors. I forgot to tell you, there is a wreck, a rescue, where our hero does his stuff nobly and some attempts at comedy, of which I found the most amusing in a part where it was not meant to be. There is a rather strange sight of a stoker, dressed in Officer's uniform, at the steering wheel of a huge Canadian liner. Again he is seen parading through the first-class smoke room. He certainly had a good reason for his merely wanted to talk to his wife. I am surprised at the director's slip from minute detail. Leila Hyams, a poor working girl



Leila Hyams.

though excellently marcelled, is our hero's real love. She watches him save the crew of a doomed ship, and in the final fade-out, we see her waiting for her sailor boy, as all good wives should do. Go and judge for yourself. (Queen's).

"Charlie Chan Carries On." If you have read Earl Bigger's detective stories, you will revel in "Charlie Chan Carries On." Warner Oland, away from sinister roles, is magnificent as Chan. An original feature of the piece comes from a travelogue, as the steamer

on which all the characters are to be found—is on a round-the-world tour. The murder takes place in London, and the man is not unmasked till we reach San Francisco. I won't give you the particulars, but it is all so thrilling. Warren Hymer and Marjorie White supply the humour, and John Garlick and Marguerite Churchill are the lovers. C. Henry Gordon and Lumsden Hare are always good, but Warner Oland is outstanding. There is suspense right up to the finish. The pride of Scotland Yard is laid low, and Chan carries on. Do not miss it. (King's).

"The Lawyer's Secret." Take a look at this cast. Olive Brook, Charles Rogers, Fay Wray, Jean Arthur and Richard Arlen. Every one turns in a good performance. Rogers, away at last from being the flapper's delight,

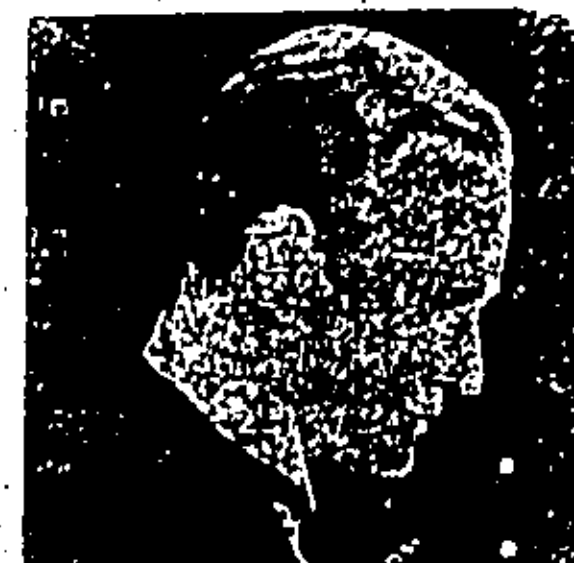


Jean Arthur.

does some real good acting. It is a gripping drama and intense. It is coming on Sunday to the King's. A. 100 per center.

"Outside The Law." Mary Nolan grows more and more interesting for she has beauty and talent and a command of her emotions. In "Outside The Law" we see her in what can only be termed as a hard-boiled character. She is the lover of a gangster. With maternal yearnings, greatly stirred by the small boy, Delmar Watson, and we leave the theatre hoping her wish will be granted when her husband finishes his sentence. Edward Robinson and Owen Moore are others present. Quite an enjoyable evening may be spent at the Central seeing this picture which is another first rate Universal.

"Free To Love." Universal has a big find in Broadway's beautiful actress, Genevieve Tobin. In "Free To Love" at the Central, we see her with such first-rate supports as Conrad Nagel, Zasu Pitts, and Ilka Chase. It was directed by Hobart Henley. The story is of a young couple, financially comfortable, who drift close to the divorce court, because of the utter selfishness, lack of consideration and nagging man-



Conrad Nagel.

ner of the deeply-loved wife. Many Britishers may remember Miss Tobin as Mary Dugan when it ran for many months in London. She is very English in manner, has a delightful voice, dresses perfectly, and is a first-rate actress. Again we shall see Monroe Owsley too. When it comes this is a film not to be missed. (Central).

Una Merkel. No, I do not think Una Merkel quite stole the picture, because the

whole cast in "Don't Bet On Women" fitted in their parts like a perfect glove. I regretted not hearing the lovely voice of Jeanette, but she wants us to see she has something besides that gift, and she proves it too. Edmund Lowe and Roland Young could not have been better. Such clever dialogue, and what struck me, was the fact that they waited for the laughs. D. W. Griffith had this



Janet Gaynor.

little Southerner, Una Merkel, under his care. He craved to make her another Lillian Gish, so you see her in "Abraham Lincoln." It was John Considine who saw her possibilities as a comedienne, and when she went over to the Fox Studio, for this picture they kept putting in more and more lines for her to say, as they realized she would give us all the laughs, and she did. Wait till you see her with Janet Gaynor in "Daddy Long-Legs." Yes the kid is clever, and she will give us laughs instead of tears. To D. W. Griffith my respect and admiration. He has given us a picture that should rank with his greatest—"The Birth of a Nation." Walter Huston was extraordinary as Abraham Lincoln. It is a truly great picture. (Queen's).

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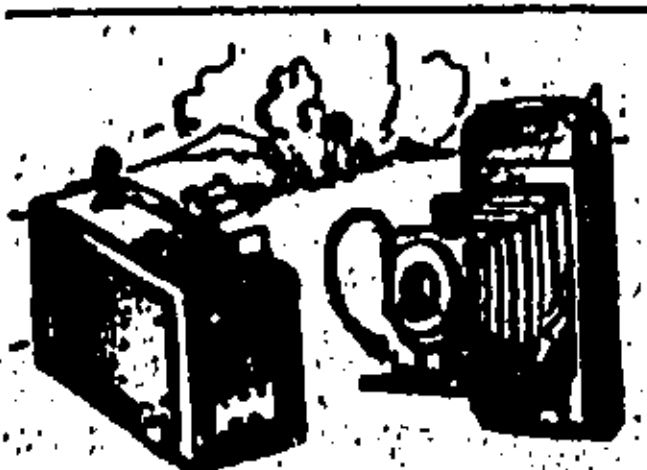
Conrad Nagel—Married a young girl who came to interview him for a Movie Magazine. Still married. One daughter. One of the Dependables on the screen.

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BUYERS PROMINENT AGAIN.

Tone of Share Market Steady.

TO-DAY'S FEATURES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange this morning states:—

The tone of the Stock Market this morning was quite steady, with buyers again predominant.

Banks were the medium of sales at \$2.040.

Unions were enquired for at \$555 without eliciting any response.

Wharves were done at \$163 3/4. There were buyers at the close at \$163 3/4.

Hotels (old) were largely put through at \$17.20 and \$17.50, with sellers at the end at the latter rate, buyers willing to pay \$17.40. The new shares were wanted at \$16.90, but there were no sellers under \$117.20.

Lands changed hands at \$90 1/2, but buyers still wanted shares at a reduction of 50 cents.

H. K. Realities were reported sales at \$17.45. Buyers bid \$17.80, but no shares came out at the rate.

Ewos were transacted at \$15.10. Trams had buyers at \$21.75, but without leading to business.

China Lights were disposed of at \$27.10 and \$27.20, and there were buyers at the close at \$27.

Telephones (fully paid) were in demand at \$41 1/2, but without replies from holders. The new shares were dealt in at \$33 1/2, at which rate there were still buyers.

Canton Icees had sellers at \$8.35. Cements (combined) were reported to have been put through at \$20 and \$20.15, with buyers enquiring at \$20.

H. K. Ropes remained at yesterday's quotations.

Sinceres were wanted at \$17.75. Government Loans were negotiated at 5 1/2 per cent premium, and there were further sellers prepared to accept that figure.

TELL-TALE HAIR!

Gives Away Girls' Profession.

SYRENS IN A SAMPAN.

Samson, we are told, when his locks were shorn, was delivered up unto his enemies. So were three gaudily dressed Chinese girls who were found attempting to board the s.s. City of Lille, last night, from a sampan.

It was not so much the shearing of their hair that was responsible, as the manner of its shearing. Sub-Inspector Chevalier, who was lying handy in a private motor-boat, recalled the sad truth after one penetrating glance.

"There was no doubt from their appearance as to what they were," he told Commander G. F. Holo, in the Marine Court this morning. "I could tell them by the cut of their hair."

When taxed, the girls admitted their profession. There were three women, in black clothes, with them. But the only one to suffer was the mistress of the sampan, who although she pleaded not guilty, and was apparently not so wise in the interpretation of ladies' hairdress-

NEGLIGENT CAR DRIVER.

Chater Road Incident and Sequel.

\$25 FINE.

A riksha, in which Mr. H. Jebson was a passenger, was nearly run into by a public motor car in Chater Road on August 1. The riksha puller had the presence of mind to swerve, and thus an accident, which might have had serious results, was averted.

The riksha was proceeding along Des Voeux Road Central, in an easterly direction. The car was driven out of Chater Road toward the beacon. The driver, a Chinese who was apparently soliciting fares, suddenly turned round, and

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.22 a.m. to-day says:—

The depression is now central to the West of Hanoi.

A typhoon is situated about 400 miles East of the Bashi Channel, moving N.W.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

Typhoon Warning.
The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory, by the American Consulate-General at 11.30 this morning:

August 21 10.30 a.m. typhoon in about 120 degrees Long. E., and 19 Lat. N. moving W.N.W.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.06 inch. Total since January 1—59.35 inches against an average of 61.95 inches—deficit 2.60 inches.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 80
Pratas Island 79
Macao 77
Manila 76
Poochow 80
Amoy 80
Chefoo 73
Shanghai 79

returned to Chater Road. He travelled at a very fast speed.

Traffic-Sergeant Brown related these facts before Mr. Schofield this morning, when the car driver was summoned for negligent driving. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and maintained that the riksha was going faster than the car!

Mr. Jebson bore out the facts as given, and added that the driver had his head turned away from the riksha.

Defendant—If I had been looking the other way, I would have run into his riksha.

His Worship—He says you very nearly did!

Mr. Schofield held that the case was proved, and imposed a fine of \$25.

ing, was fined \$50 for allowing her boat to be used. The Magistrate added that it would be \$100 if there were any "next time."

SEPARATION OF BURMA.

Another Round Table Conference.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

London, Yesterday.
The India Office announces that Government has decided to convene a Burma Round Table Conference.

The Conference will assemble in London in November and discuss the Constitution for Burma when separated from India as recommended at the last Indian Round Table Conference.—Reuter.

Government's Decision.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The India Office announces that the Government have decided to convene a Burma Round Table Conference and invite representatives of interests in Burma to meet representatives of the Government and of other Parties in Parliament for the purpose of seeking the greatest possible measure of agreement regarding the future Constitution of Burma and the relations of Burma with India.

Last January's Suggestion.
The Burma Sub-Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference in January last made a recommendation in favour of the Separation of Burma, and at a plenary session the Prime Minister said Government would pursue the decisions of the Sub-Committee. Later in the House of Commons the Secretary of State, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, said Government wished it to be understood that the prospects of constitutional advance held out to Burma as part of British India would not be prejudiced by Separation.

Accordingly, the primary task of the Burma Conference will be to discuss the lines of the Constitution for a separated Burma.

November Meeting.
It is intended that the conference should assemble at a date in November that will allow the Federal Structure Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference to have completed their proposal, but before the Indian Conference has terminated.

Opportunity For Review.
When the results of the Burma Conference are known there will be opportunity for a review of the whole position by all Parties concerned before Government proposes to Parliament measures to implement the provisional decision in favour of separating Burma from India.

Fully Representative.
The Burma Conference will be representative of all shades of opinion and of the various interests in Burma, including Indian, but the detailed composition has not yet been finally settled. It will be much smaller than the Indian Conference. A Member of Government will preside.—British Wireless Service.

Leisure is quite intolerable except in fairly small doses.—Mr. Aldous Huxley.

Construction does not consist of everything being done at once, but in one stone being placed upon another.—Dr. Bruning.

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